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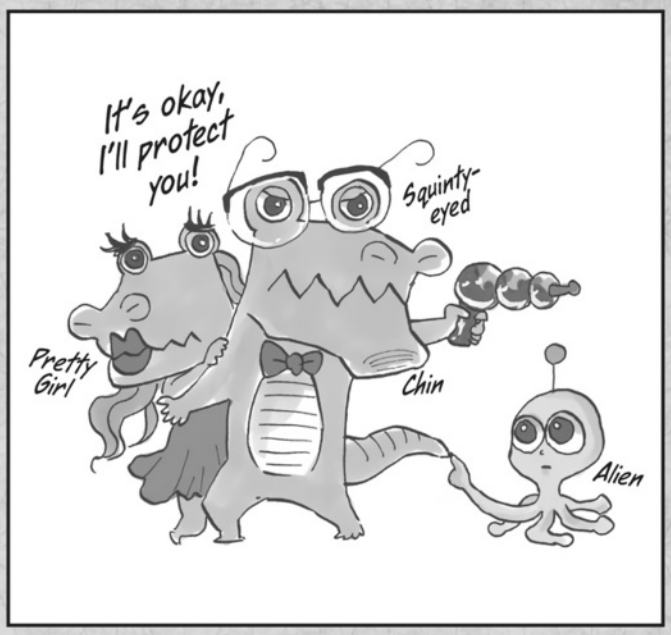

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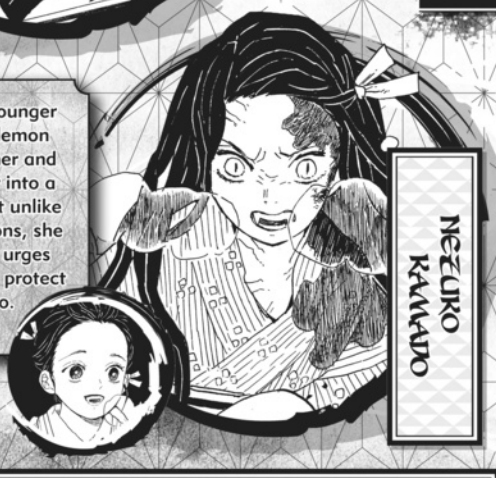
Hi, everyone! I'm Gotouge and this is volume 22! Thank you to everyone involved! Recently, I've been thinking about ways to address an extraterrestrial lifeform furtively invading the earth. I was thinking that if aliens replaced my family and friends, I might be able to tell by establishing a made-up code word...but if the aliens have a device or natural ability that allows them to read minds, then what could I do?! Solving one problem just leads to another!! The Earth Defense Corps never sleeps! ★ If you watch too many science fiction films, you start thinking like this, so be careful! When I ran out of midmorning snacks, my assistant gave me some!

CHARACTERS

TANJIRO KAMADO

A kind boy who saved his sister and now aims to avenge his family. He can smell the scent of demons and an opponent's weakness.



NEZUKO KAMADO

Tanjiro's younger sister. A demon attacked her and turned her into a demon. But unlike other demons, she fights her urges and tries to protect Tanjiro.

GIYU TOMIOKA

The Hashira who invited Tanjiro to join the Demon Slayer Corps. He has always cared about Tanjiro.

INOSUKE HASHIBIRA

He also went through Final Selection at the same time as Tanjiro. He wears the pelt of a wild boar and is very belligerent.

ZENITSU AGATSUMA

He went through Final Selection at the same time as Tanjiro. He's usually cowardly, but when he falls asleep, his true power comes out.

OBANAI IGURO

Serpent Hashira in the Demon Slayer Corps. He's always in the company of his snake Kaburamaru.

SANEMI SHINAZUGAWA

Wind Hashira in the Demon Slayer Corps. He has a harsh attitude toward his younger brother Genya.

GYOMEI HIMEJIMA

Stone Hashira in the Demon Slayer Corps. He is always holding a rosary and reciting Buddhist prayers.

MUICHIRO KANROJI

Love Hashira in the Demon Slayer Corps. She joined the Demon Slayer Corps to find a man to marry.

YUSHIRO

A young boy who is a demon. He is devoted to Tamayo and possesses a Blood Demon Art called Eyeblind. He is pretending to be human so he can work alongside the Demon Slayers.

MUZAN KIBUTSUJI

Kibutsuji turned Nezuko into a demon. He is Tanjiro's enemy and hides his nature in order to live among human beings.

STORY

In Taisho-era Japan, young Tanjiro makes a living selling charcoal. One day, demons kill his family and turn his younger sister Nezuko into a demon. Tanjiro and Nezuko set out to find a way to return Nezuko to human form and defeat Kibutsuji, the demon who killed their family!

After joining the Demon Slayer Corps, Tanjiro meets Tamayo and Yushiro—demons who oppose Kibutsuji—who provide a clue to how Nezuko may be turned back into a human. Nezuko manifests the ability to withstand sunlight, so Kibutsuji attacks Ubuyashiki Mansion. The Demon Slayers suffer many sacrifices, but they kill all the upper-rank demons and eventually succeed in forcing Kibutsuji above ground from inside Infinity Castle!! The Hashira attack with all their remaining strength, and Tanjiro collapses after an attack by Kibutsuji!!

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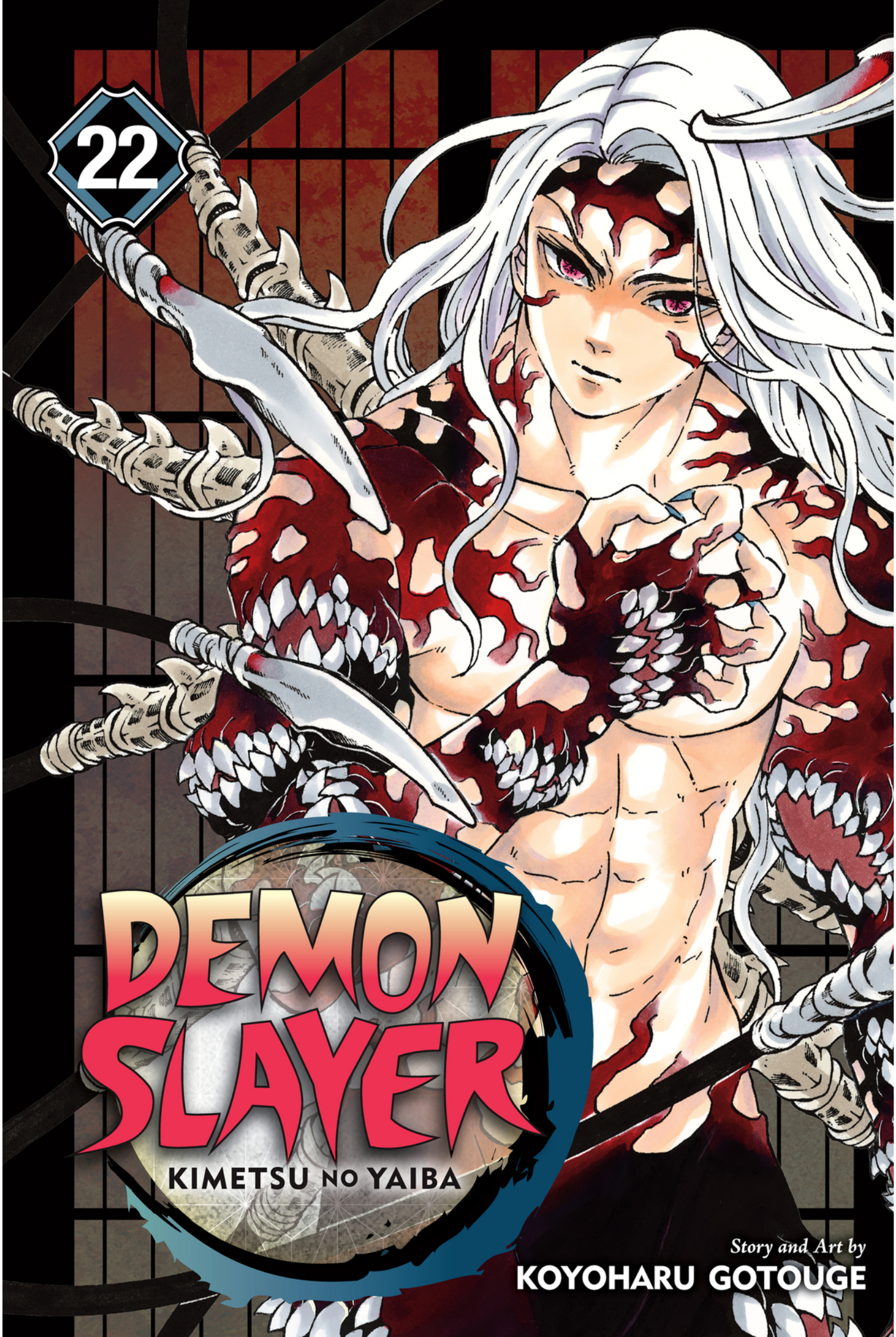
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I CAN'T EVEN GET A FEEL FOR HIS ATTACKS!
HE'S GOTTEN EVEN FASTER! IT'S OVER-WHELMING!!
I'LL ALSO BE IMMOBILE SOON!
I CAN NO LONGER SHIELD HIMEJIMA!
I'VE BARELY HELPED AT ALL, AND NOW I'M GOING TO BE THE FIRST TO FALL!
I'M RELYING ON INTUITION AND LUCK TO DODGE!
I CAN'T SEE HIM AT ALL!

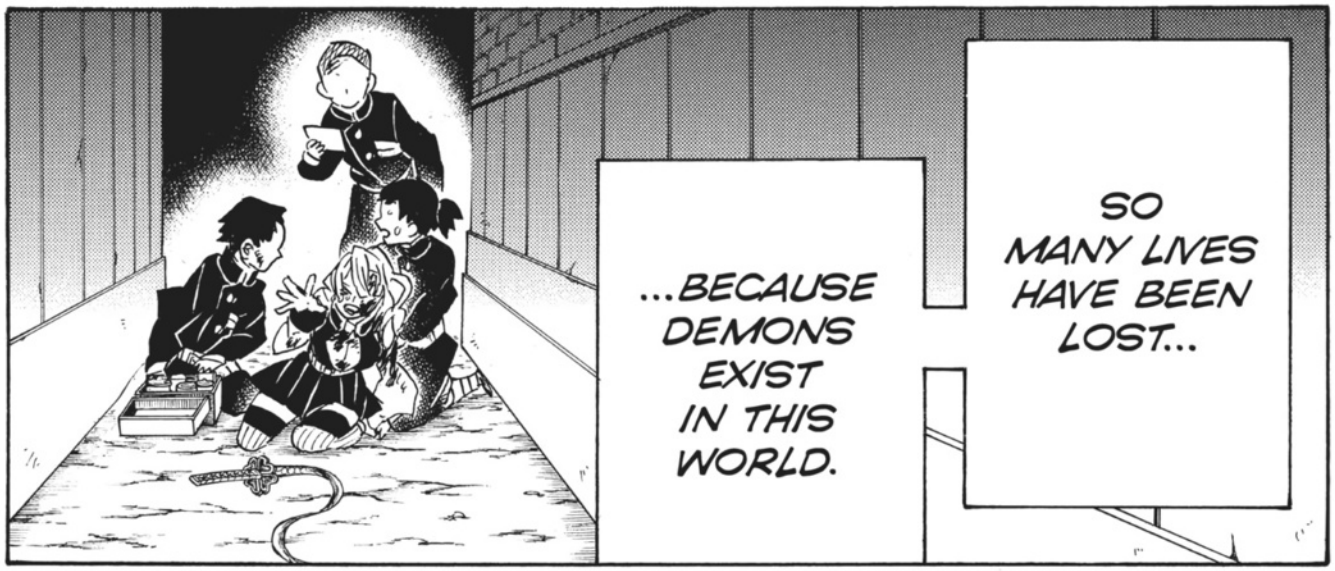
I JUST HAVE TO BE WILLING TO RISK IT ALL AND ATTACK.
BUT EVEN THEN I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO STOP MUZAN!
SLASH
INSTEAD OF CUTTING HIM, MAYBE I SHOULD TRY PINNING HIS ARMS TO—
HM?
SOME-THING'S HOLD-ING ME DOWN.

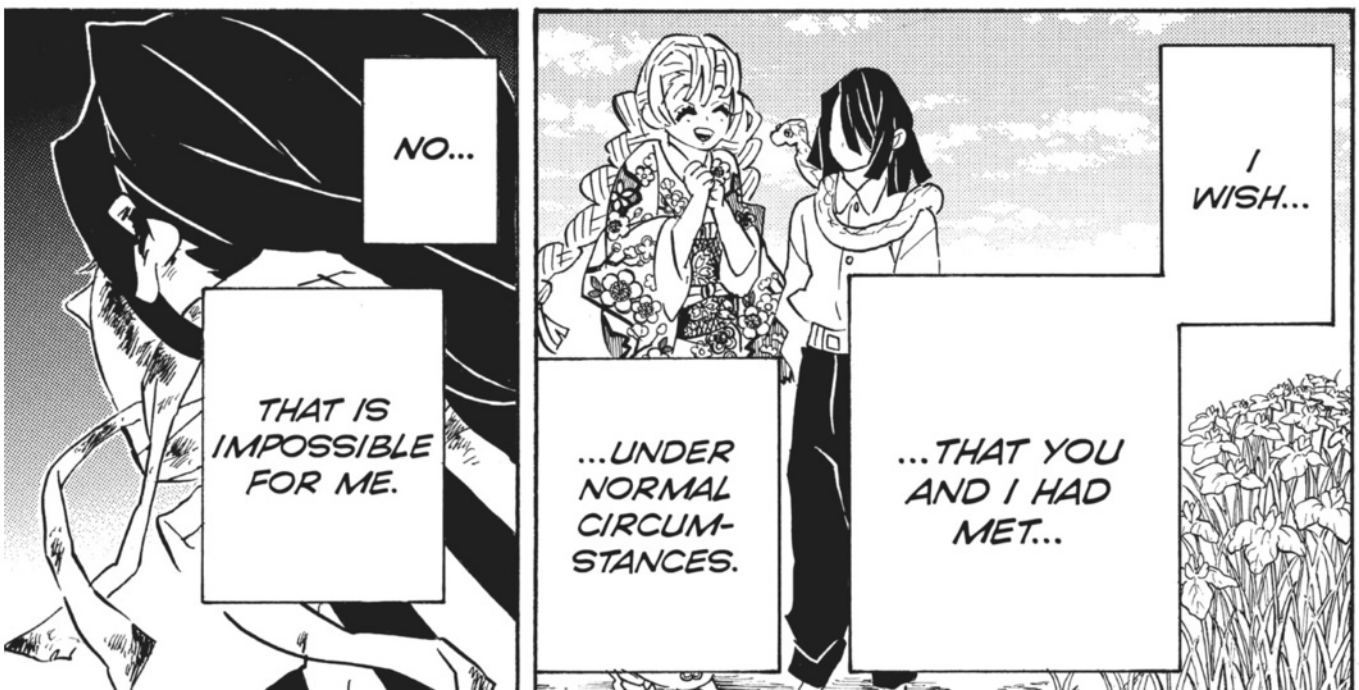
WHAT WAS THAT ATTACK?!
I THOUGHT KANROJI HAD DODGED IT!

WHAM
WHAM
TEND TO HER WOUNDS!
FIND THE CORPS MEMBER WITH ALMOND-SHAPED EYES WHO HAS THIS PAPER!
YES, SIR!
HIS NAME IS YUSHIRO!
WAIT.
I...
I CAN STILL FIGHT.
I WON'T HOLD YOU BACK!

HUFF!
HUFF!
NO...
I CAN'T DIE YET!
I HAVEN'T HELPED AT ALL!
NO.
YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH.
I'LL GO WITH YOU!!
IGURO!
WS
WAIT!!
YES, SIR!
I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
DON'T GET YOURSELF KILLED!!
NO, IGURO...

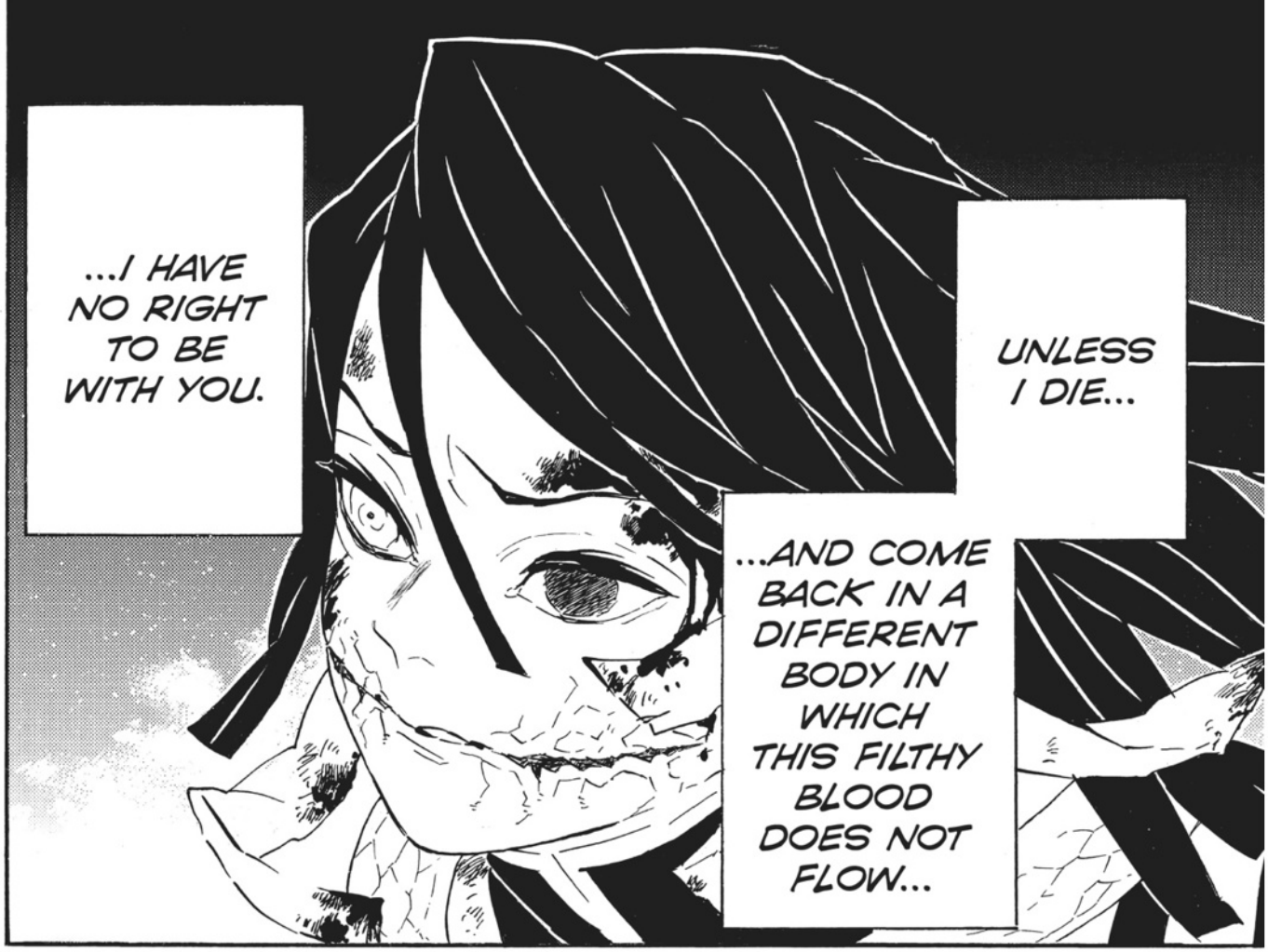
DEMONS...
I DON'T WANT ANY-ONE ELSE TO DIE!!


...BECAUSE DEMONS EXIST IN THIS WORLD.
SO MANY LIVES HAVE BEEN LOST...

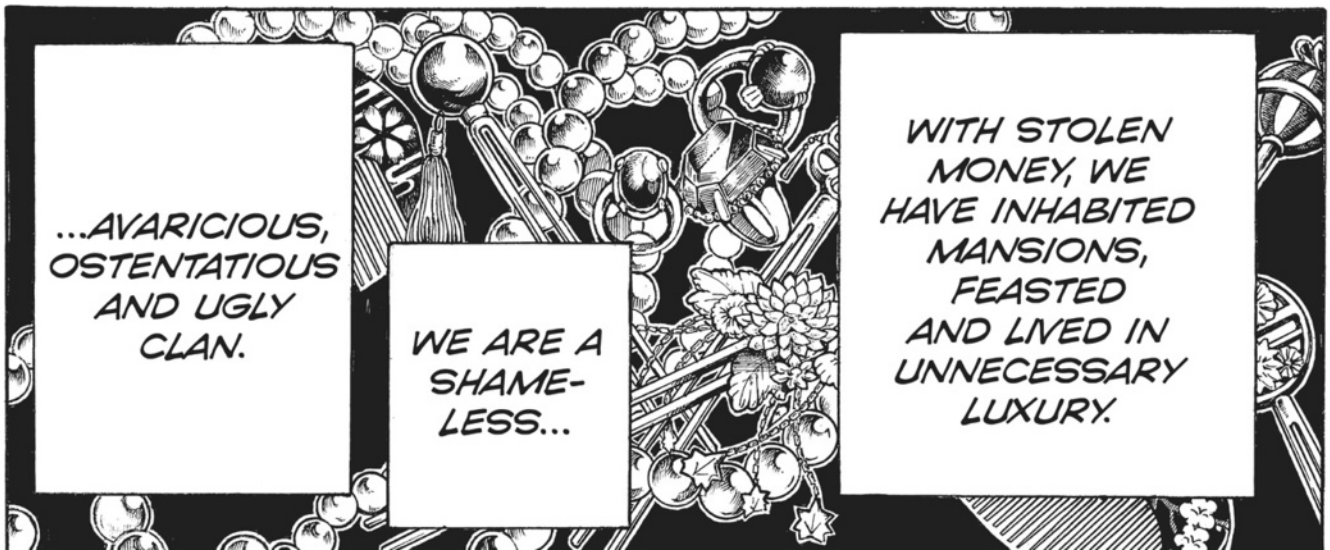

NO...
THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME.
...UNDER NORMAL CIRCUM-STANCES.
...THAT YOU AND I HAD MET...
I WISH...

AT NIGHT IN THE CELL...
THE POOR VENTILATION MADE THE SMELL OF FAT SO SUFFOCATING THAT I FELT NAUSEOUS.
...I HEARD THE CREEPY SOUND OF SOMETHING MASSIVE CRAWLING AROUND.
SHRRK
SHRRK
SHRRK
ABOUT THE TIME I TURNED 12, THEY DRAGGED ME FROM THE CELL.
MY WHOLE BODY WOULD SWEAT AND I COULDN'T SLEEP UNTIL THE SOUND STOPPED.
AND I FELT A GAZE FIXED UPON ME.

IT HAD BEEN 370 YEARS SINCE THE LAST BIRTH OF A BOY.
THE FAMILY GAVE BIRTH TO MANY GIRLS.
...THEY CON-FINED ME TO A CELL.
SINCE THE TIME OF MY BIRTH...
AND EACH DAY, THEY BROUGHT ME RICH FOODS.
...SO MUCH THAT IT WAS DISGUSTING.
MY MOTHER, SISTERS AND AUNTS FAWNED OVER ME...

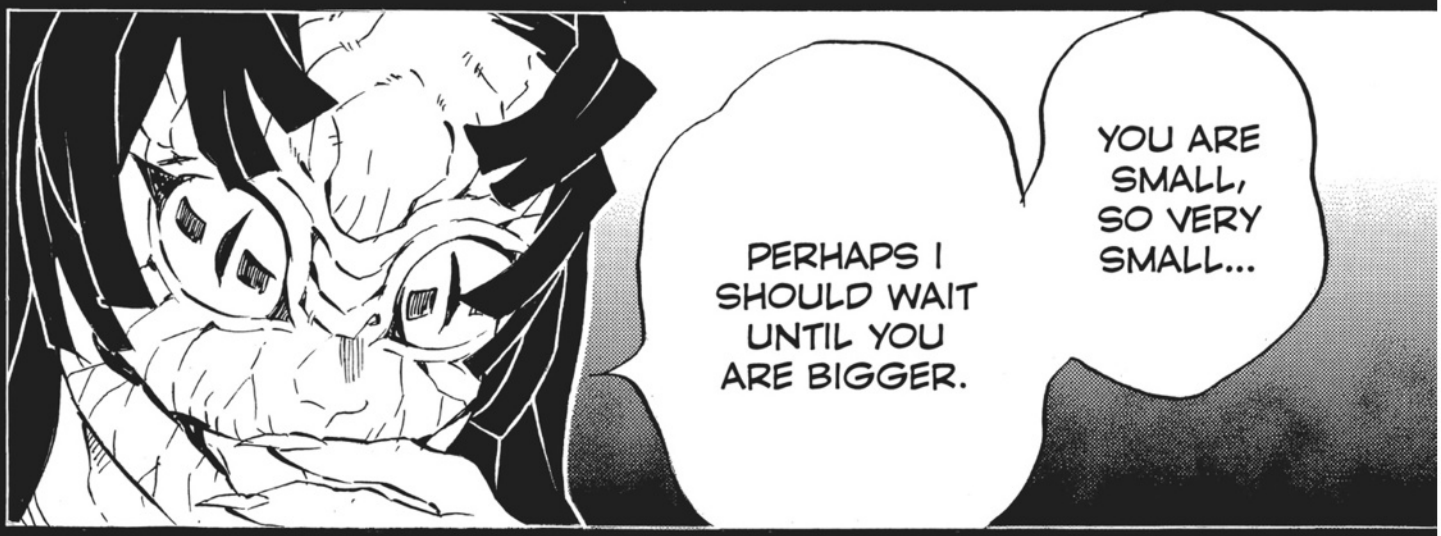

...I HAVE NO RIGHT TO BE WITH YOU.
UNLESS I DIE...
...AND COME BACK IN A DIFFERENT BODY IN WHICH THIS FILTHY BLOOD DOES NOT FLOW...

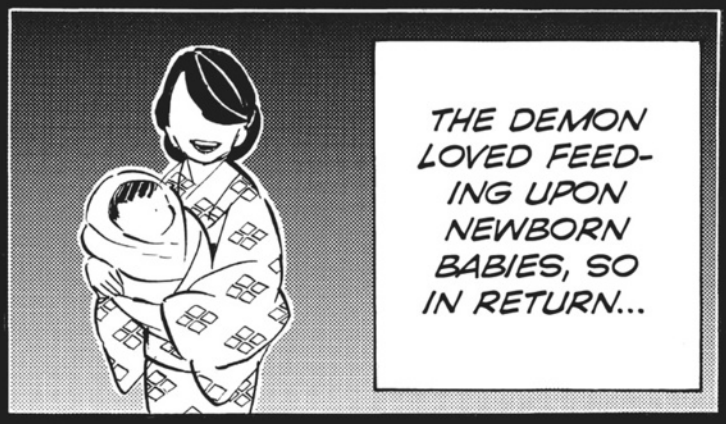
...I BELONG TO A CORRUPT BLOODLINE THAT HAS KILLED TO LINE ITS OWN POCKETS.
KAN-ROJI...


...AVARICIOUS, OSTENTATIOUS AND UGLY CLAN.
WE ARE A SHAME-LESS...
WITH STOLEN MONEY, WE HAVE INHABITED MANSIONS, FEASTED AND LIVED IN UNNECESSARY LUXURY.

IN A SPLENDID, GAUDY AND LUXURIOUS ROOM...
...AS IF ENSHRINED LIKE AN OBJECT OF WORSHIP...
...WAS A FEMALE DEMON WHOSE LOWER BODY WAS THAT OF A SERPENT.

I IMMEDIATELY REALIZED THAT IT WAS SHE WHO HAD BEEN COMING...
...TO SEE ME AT NIGHT.


YOU ARE SMALL, SO VERY SMALL...
PERHAPS I SHOULD WAIT UNTIL YOU ARE BIGGER.

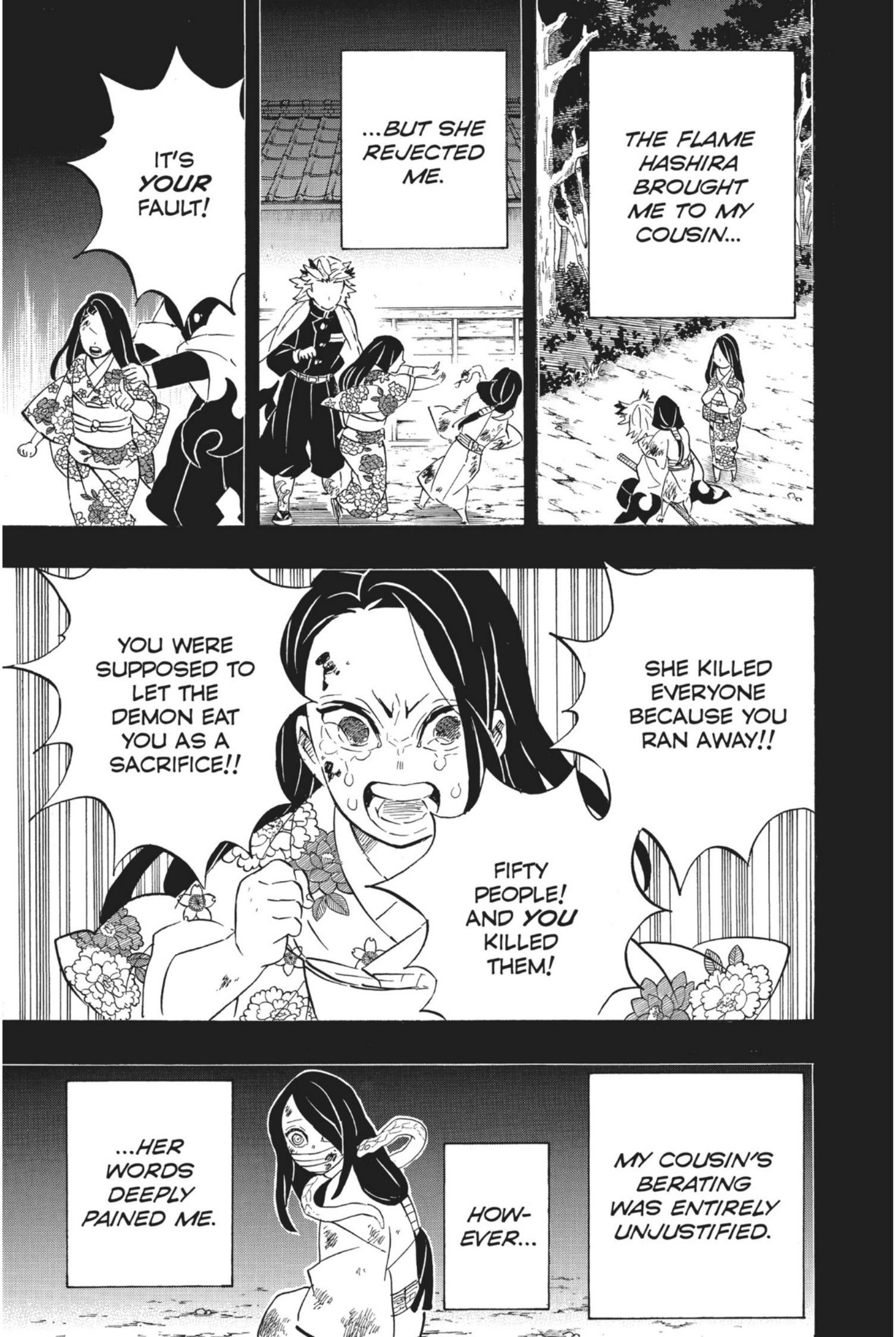

THE DEMON LOVED FEEDING UPON NEWBORN BABIES, SO IN RETURN...

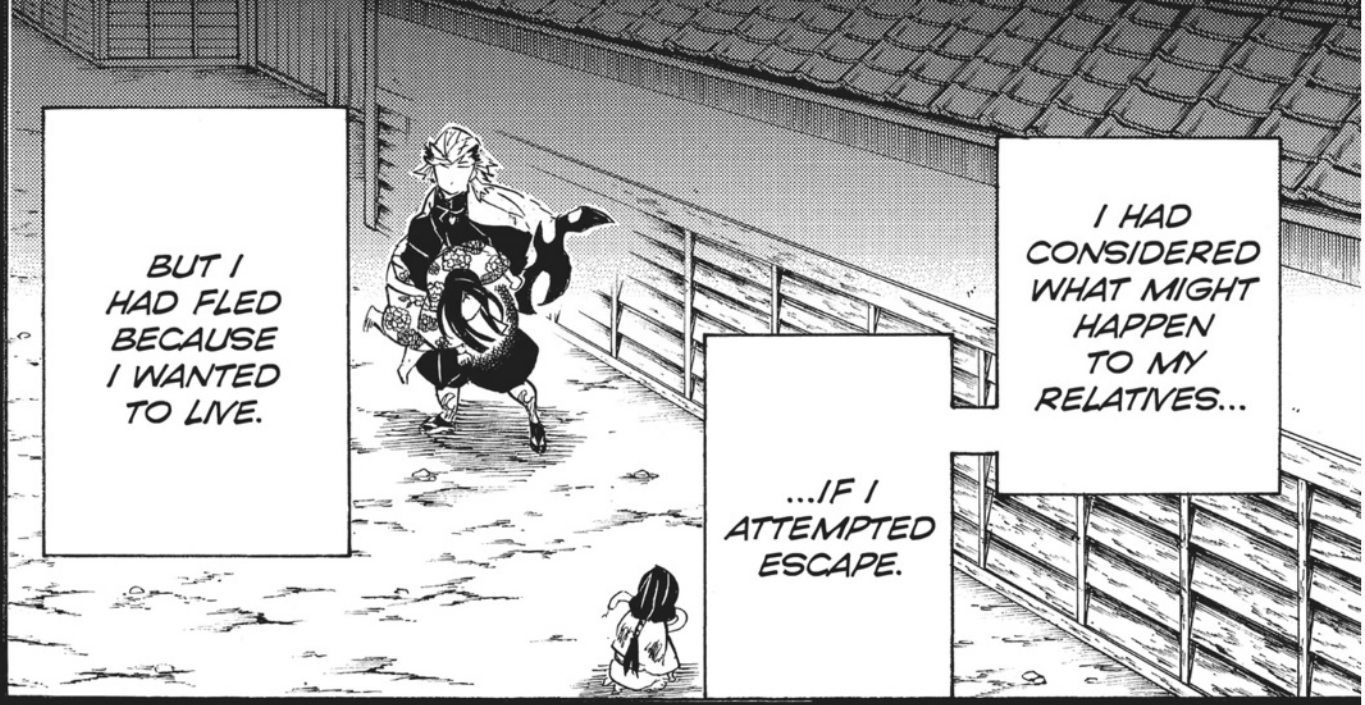
...THE FAMILY HAD BEEN OFFERING THEIR OWN OFFSPRING TO HER AS SACRIFICES.

MY FAMILY HAD BEEN LIVING OFF RICHES STOLEN FROM THOSE WHOM THIS SERPENT DEMON HAD SLAIN.

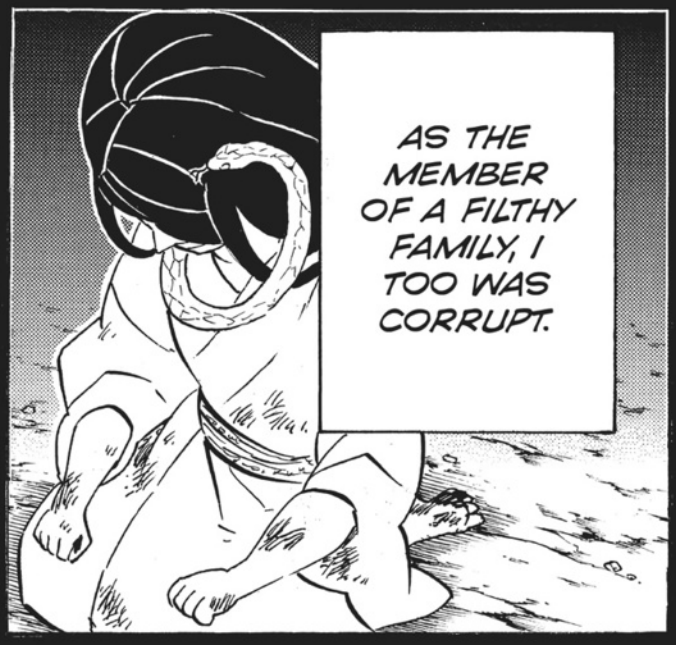
...SO SHE HAD TAKEN A GREAT LIKING TO ME...
...AND ALLOWED ME TO LIVE UNTIL I GREW TO A MORE SATIATING SIZE.
I WAS A RARE BOY CHILD WITH UNUSUAL EYES...
THEY COLLECTED MY BLOOD IN A CHALICE AND FED IT TO HER.
...AND HAD MY MOUTH CUT TO MORE CLOSELY MATCH HER OWN.
SHE DETERMINED I WOULD LIVE A LITTLE LONGER...
WITH A STOLEN HAIRPIN, I BEGAN SCRATCHING AWAY AT THE LATTICE OF MY CELL.
BACK IN MY CELL, I THOUGHT ONLY OF ESCAPE AND SURVIVAL.

THE ONLY LIVING CREATURE I COULD TRUST WAS THE SNAKE KABURAMARU, WHO HAD STRAYED INTO MY CELL.
EACH DAY, I WAS A NERVOUS WRECK FOR FEAR THEY WOULD DISCOVER WHAT I WAS DOING.
ALONG THE WAY, SHE NEARLY CAUGHT AND KILLED ME, BUT...
ONE DAY, I MADE MY ESCAPE.
...AT THE LAST MOMENT, THE FLAME HASHIRA SAVED ME.


THE FLAME HASHIRA BROUGHT ME TO MY COUSIN...
...BUT SHE REJECTED ME.
IT'S *YOUR* FAULT!
SHE KILLED EVERYONE BECAUSE YOU RAN AWAY!!
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO LET THE DEMON EAT YOU AS A SACRIFICE!!
FIFTY PEOPLE! AND *YOU* KILLED THEM!
MY COUSIN'S BERATING WAS ENTIRELY UNJUSTIFIED.
HOW-EVER...
...HER WORDS DEEPLY PAINED ME.

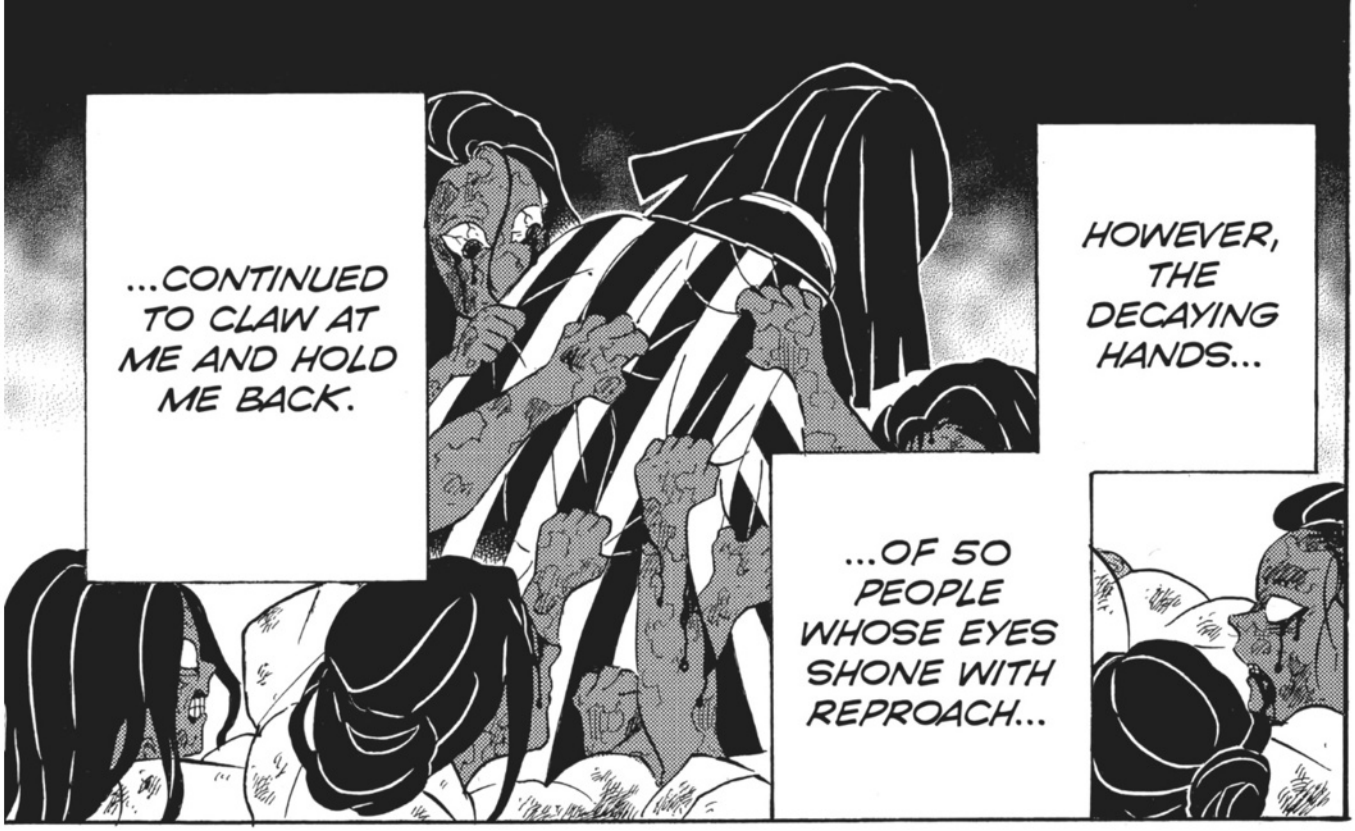

I HAD CONSIDERED WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO MY RELATIVES...
...IF I ATTEMPTED ESCAPE.
BUT I HAD FLED BECAUSE I WANTED TO LIVE.

MY SINS WERE DEEP, SO I COULD NOT LIVE A NORMAL LIFE.


AS THE MEMBER OF A FILTHY FAMILY, I TOO WAS CORRUPT.

BY RISKING MY LIFE FOR OTHERS...
...I FELT AS IF..
...I COULD IN SOME WAY BECOME A SLIGHTLY BETTER PERSON.

WITH NO OTHER OUTLET, I TURNED ALL MY RAGE ON DEMONS...
...IN A GRUDGE OF INTENSE HATRED.


...CONTINUED TO CLAW AT ME AND HOLD ME BACK.
HOWEVER, THE DECAYING HANDS...
...OF 50 PEOPLE WHOSE EYES SHONE WITH REPROACH...

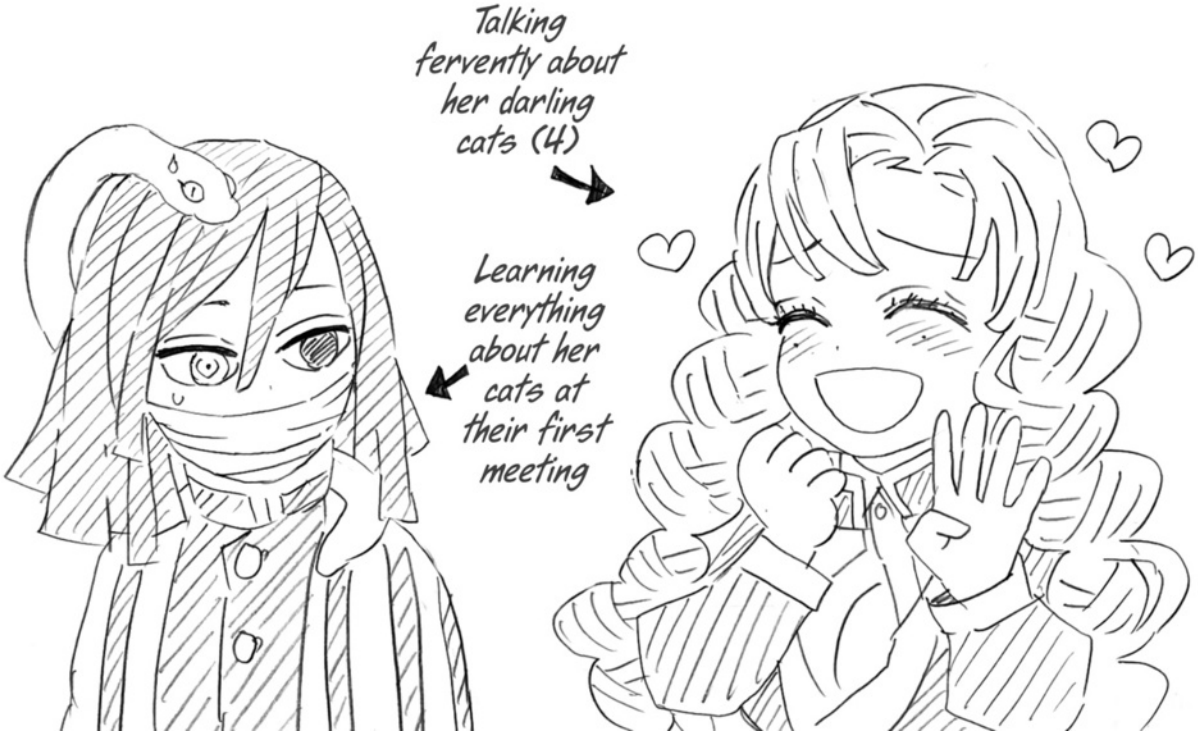
...I WILL TELL YOU OF MY FEELINGS FOR YOU.

I WANT TO DIE DEFEATING MUZAN.
AND I PRAY THAT HIS DEATH WILL PURIFY MY FILTHY BLOOD.

THEN, IF I AM REBORN AS A HUMAN BEING...
...IN A PEACEFUL WORLD WITHOUT DEMONS...

TAISHO WHISPERS

Iguro has difficulty with girls. Due to his experiences growing up, he was unable to conquer his fear and animosity. Plus, the girls who joined the Demon Slayer Corps often put on brave faces because of their sad backgrounds, so he felt sorry for them, making him uncomfortable in a different way. He was startled when Mitsuri Kanroji suddenly spoke to him. Her brightness, openness and kindness were so overwhelming that he thought she was more beautiful than anyone else. Even though it was their first time meeting, Mitsuri chattered away, telling him all about the makeup of the Kanroji family, her cats' names and characteristics, their likes and even which ones were stronger or weaker than others.



CHAPTER 189: REASSURING COMRADES

AGH! NO, NO, NO! DON'T COME IN!!
GO THE OTHER WAY AROUND!
REALLY?! IS THERE A FIRE?!
THERE'S NO FIRE!! SO DON'T WORRY!!
THERE'S A SINKHOLE! IT'S DANGEROUS AND EVERYONE NEEDS TO EVACUATE!
ARE YOU THE POLICE?
WE'RE INVESTIGATING A SINKHOLE!!
THE POLICE ASKED US TO COME!!

MEOW
THE COLLAPSING BUILDING DIDN'T HURT ANYONE.
THAT'S BECAUSE NOT MANY PEOPLE ARE OUT AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT.
HMM...
HUFF
HUFF
OH...
A CAT.
THE POOR THING.
MEOW
TROT
NO!!
THAT WAY'S DANGEROUS!
HERE...
CAN YOU GET OUT?
DRAG
DRAG

SHISHIRO
SHIN

AS SOON AS HE CUT ME, HE KICKED AWAY THE LIMB...
...TO PREVENT IMMEDIATE REGENERA-TION.
FWISH
HOWEVER, THAT...
WHRL
WHRL
...ONLY BOUGHT HIM A MOMENT.

THE INHALATIONS OF THE MOUTHS!!
IT'S A TROUBLESOME ATTACK. THE SUCTION IS POWERFUL, EVEN AT A GREAT RANGE!
THE LARGE MOVEMENT NECESSARY TO AVOID THEM DRASTICALLY REDUCES MY ENDURANCE!

ONE SECOND ...
DAWN FEELS SO FAR AWAY...
SO TO BUY EVEN ONE SECOND, EVERYONE IN THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS IS SACRIFICING THEIR LIVES!

DEFEAT IS UNFORGIVABLE.
IT IS ABSOLUTELY UNFORGIVABLE TO WASTE...
...THE LIVES OF OUR COMRADES WHO PRO-TECTED US.

悪鬼滅殺

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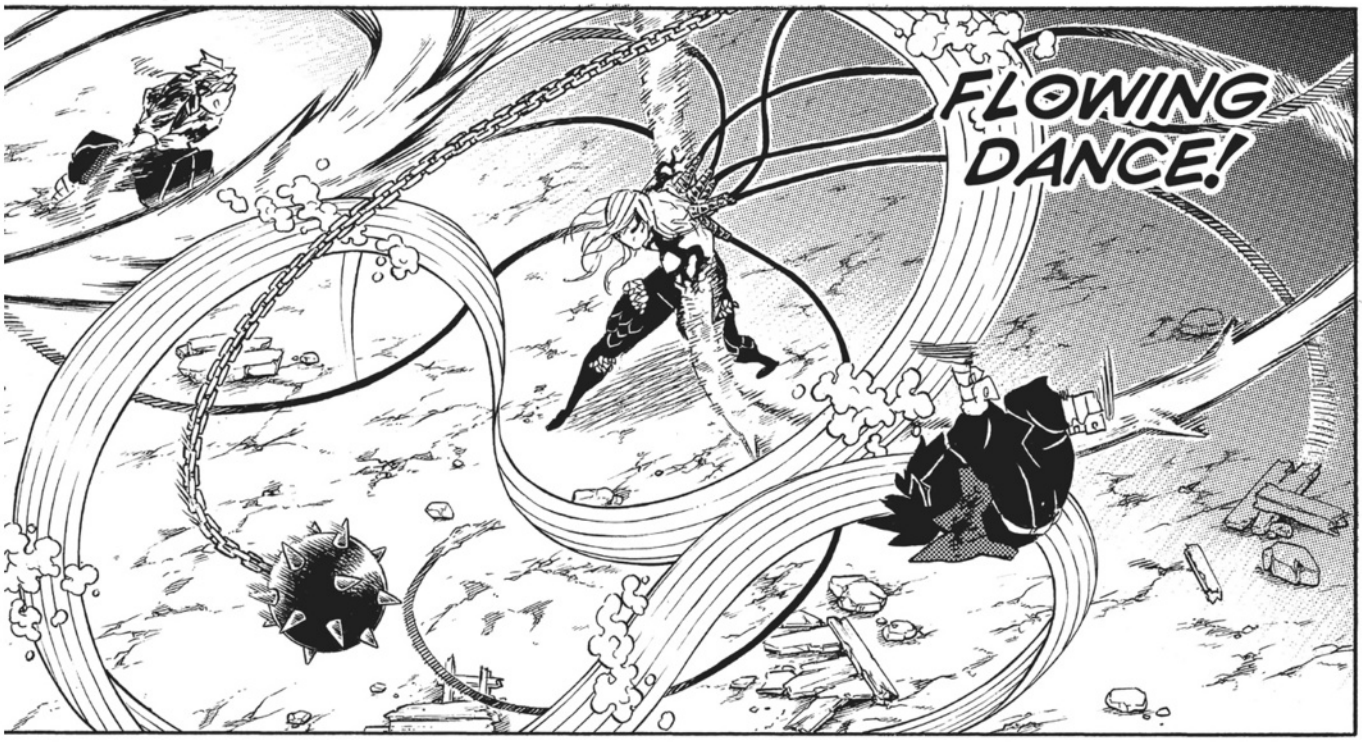
I CAN'T...
MY GRIP...

SHU
STOP SPACING OUT!!
OR I'LL KILL YOU!!


FLOWING DANCE!

PUT UP A FIGHT WORTHY OF THE WATER HASHIRA!!
...UNTIL THE END!
YOU CAN STILL FIGHT!! HANG IN THERE...

THERE IS ONE HOUR AND 14 MINUTES UNTIL DAWN.
THEY'RE SURVIVING LONGER THAN I EXPECTED...
...BUT SOON THEY WILL ALL FALL.
... HUMANS ALWAYS DIE.
STRUGGLE AS THEY MAY, IN THE END...
CELL DESTRUCTION TAKES LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES TO KILL.
EVEN WITHOUT A BODY, I'LL TAKE A BITE OUT OF HIM!!
WE WON'T LAST UNTIL DAWN!!
UH-OH...

KOFF
I'M SMALL, SO THE POISON IS SPREADING FASTER!!
DAMMIT!

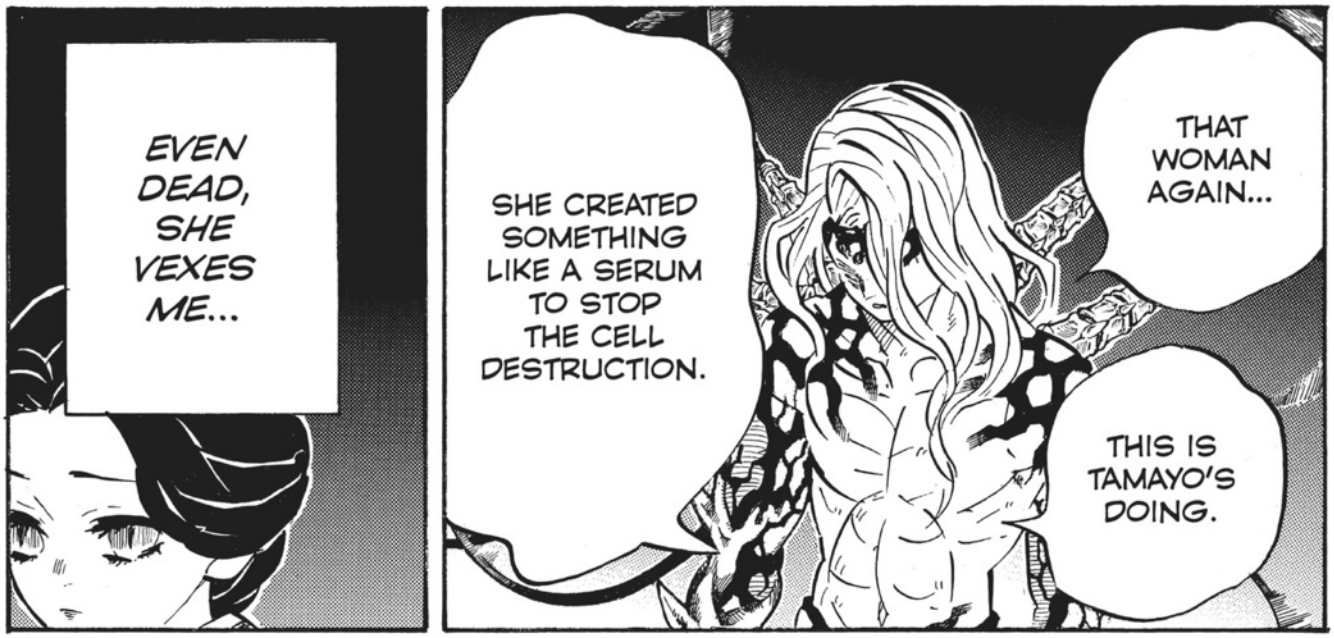
?!

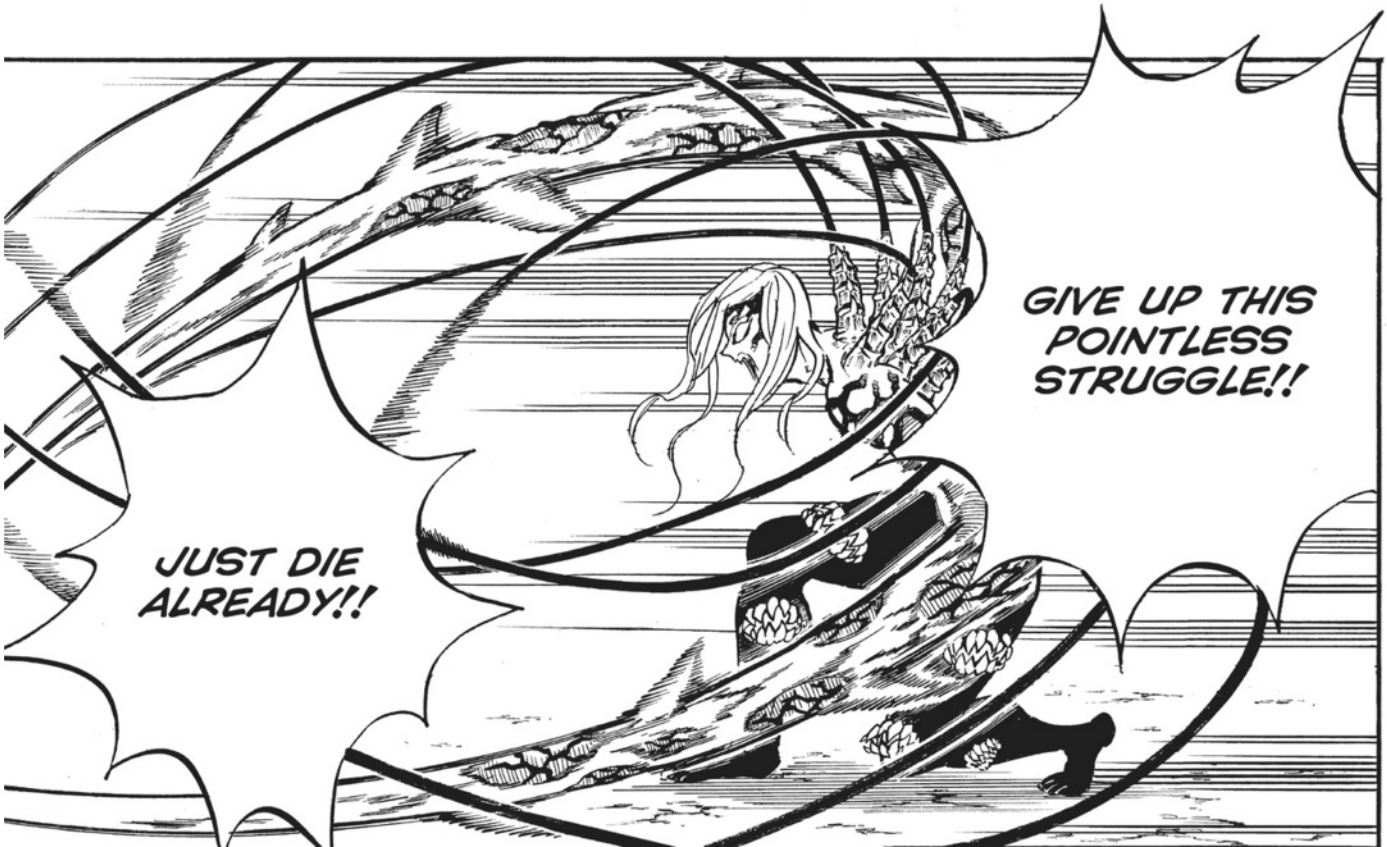
BOO
URGH !!
OH NO!!
!!
?!

WHAT THE...?!
WOOSH
WHAT IS THAT?
THUD

FWO
HUH?
SWSH SW
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT A PASSING CAT...
...JUST HELPED US!!
MY PULSE AND THE PAIN ARE BOTH BETTER!

I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT, BUT THAT WAS INCREDIBLY LUCKY!
IT MAY ONLY TEMPORARILY RELIEVE THE SYMPTOMS, BUT...
...NOW I CAN CONTINUE FIGHTING!!


THAT WOMAN AGAIN...
THIS IS TAMAYO'S DOING.
SHE CREATED SOMETHING LIKE A SERUM TO STOP THE CELL DESTRUCTION.
EVEN DEAD, SHE VEXES ME...


GIVE UP THIS POINTLESS STRUGGLE!!
JUST DIE ALREADY!!

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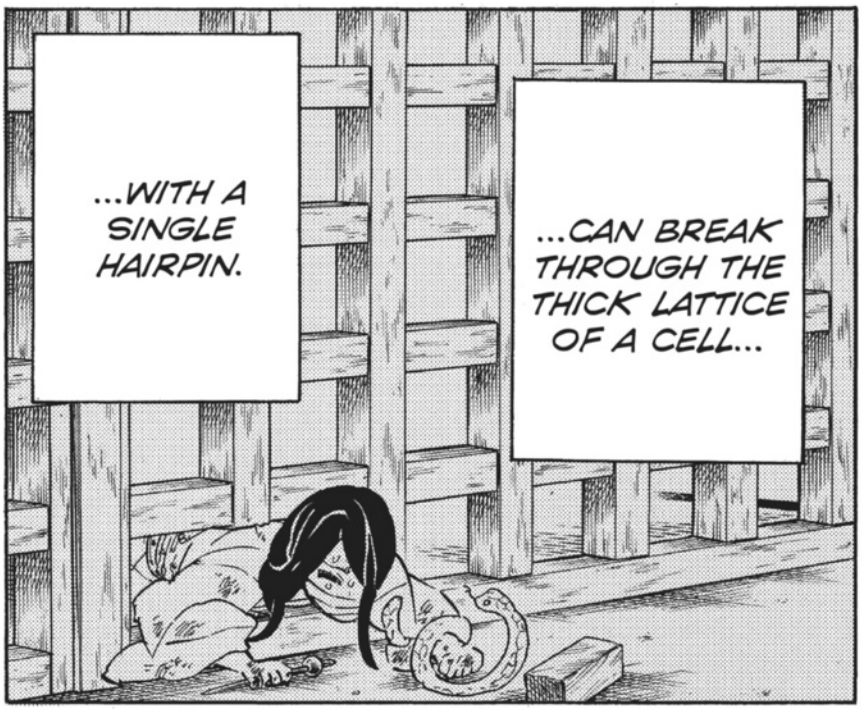
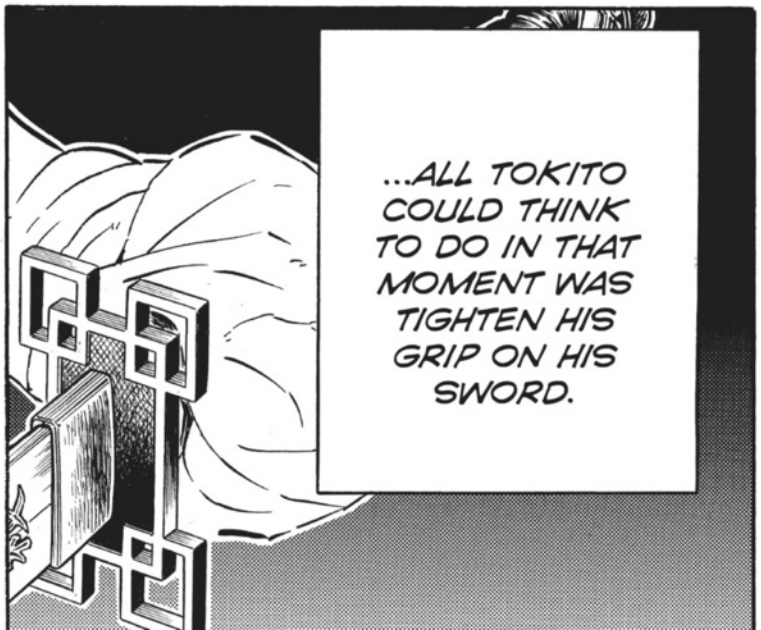
I WISH I COULD DELIVER A MORE EFFECTIVE ATTACK!
I...
...HAVE ACCOMPLISHED LESS IN THIS BATTLE THAN ANYONE!
A WEAK HAND THAT HAS NEVER LIFTED ANYTHING...
...HEAVIER THAN CHOP-STICKS...
WHEN LIVING CREATURES ARE NEAR DEATH...
...THEY CAN EXERT AN EXPLOSIVE STRENGTH!

AND YOU...
TOKITO ...

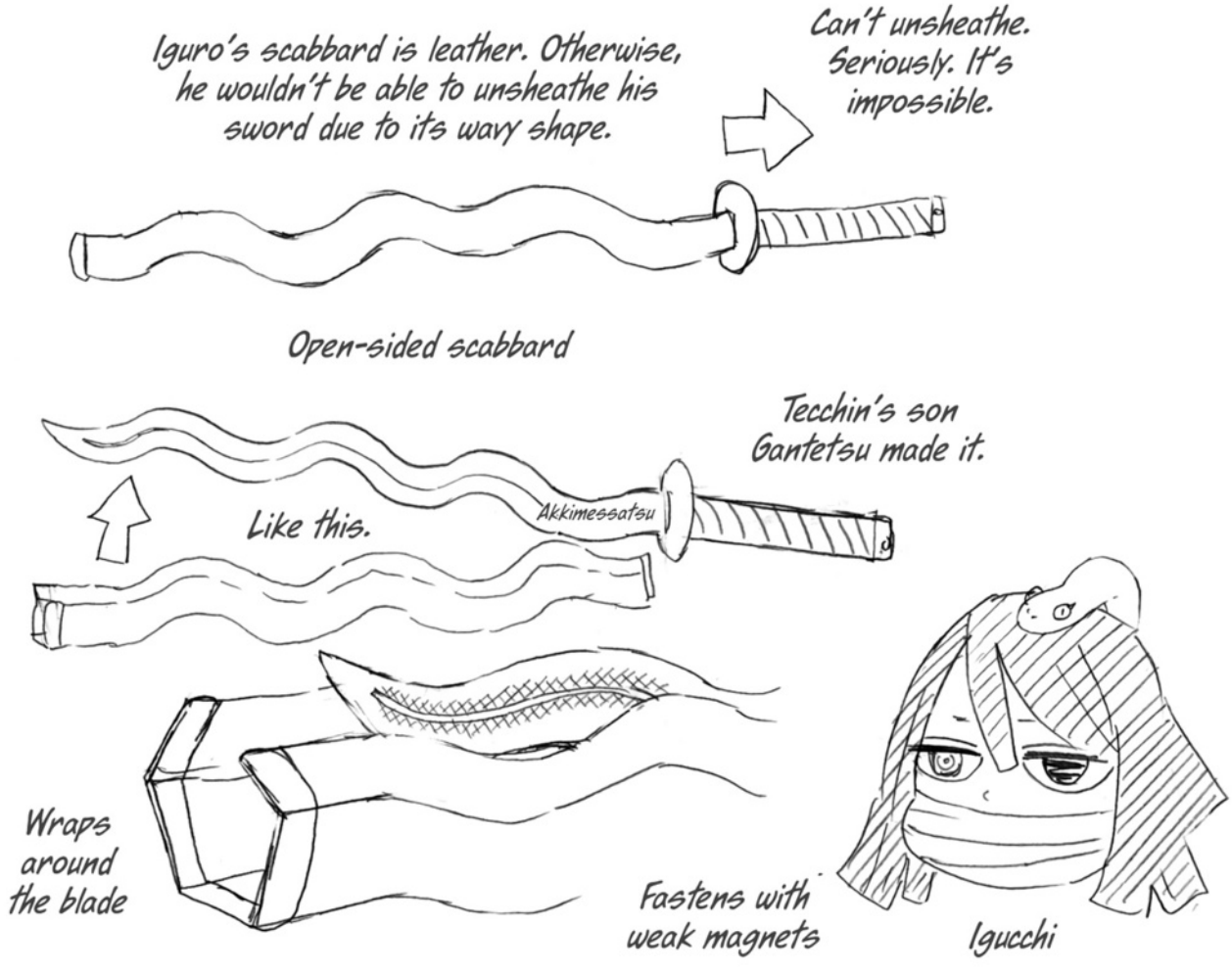

...WITH A SINGLE HAIRPIN.
...CAN BREAK THROUGH THE THICK LATTICE OF A CELL...

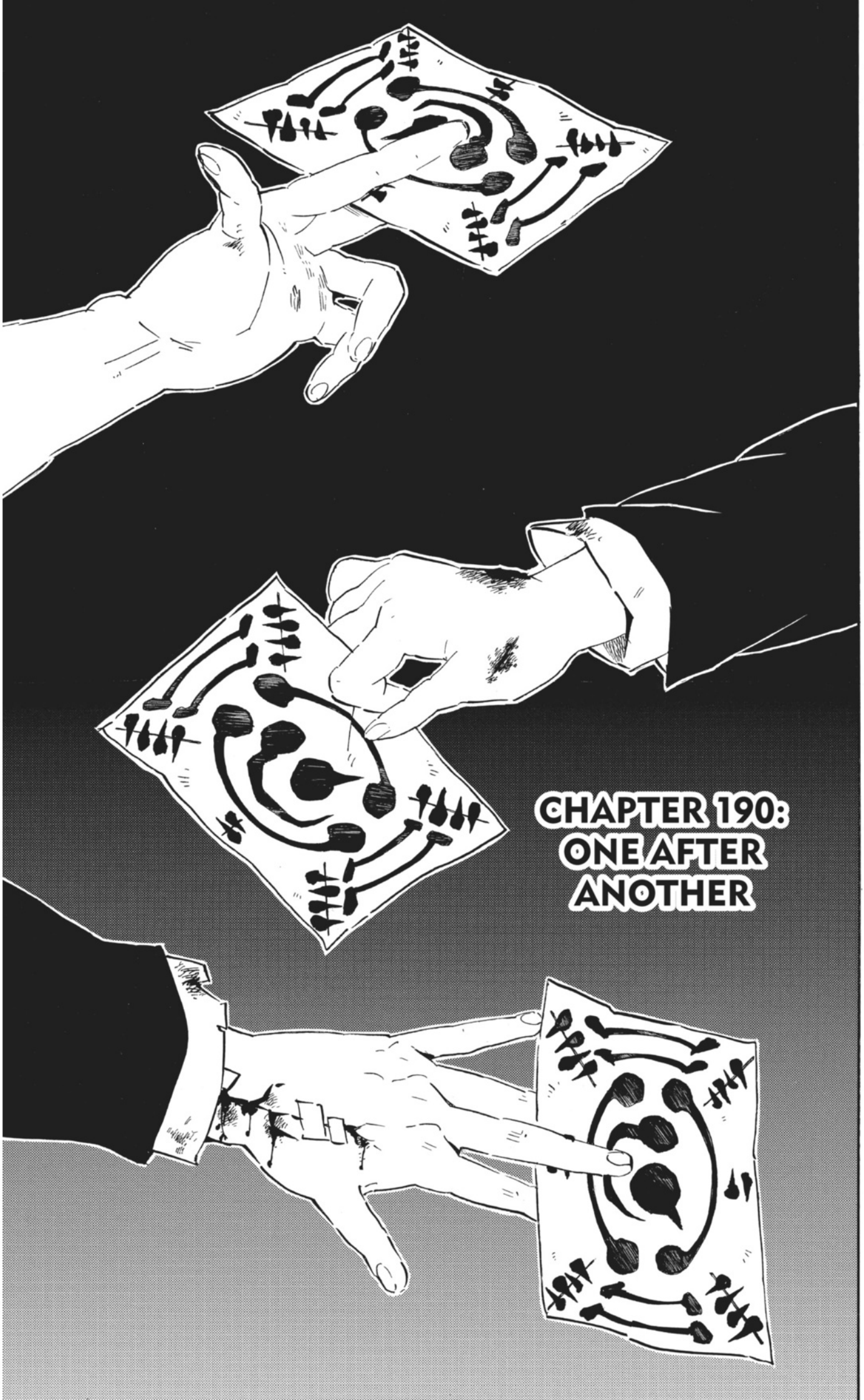
...AND PROVED THAT REGARDLESS OF A KATANA'S COLOR, IT IS POSSIBLE TO TURN ITS BLADE RED.
ON THE VERGE OF DEATH, YOU TURNED A WHITE BLADE BRIGHT RED...


...ALL TOKITO COULD THINK TO DO IN THAT MOMENT WAS TIGHTEN HIS GRIP ON HIS SWORD.

BASED ON THE CROW'S REPORT...

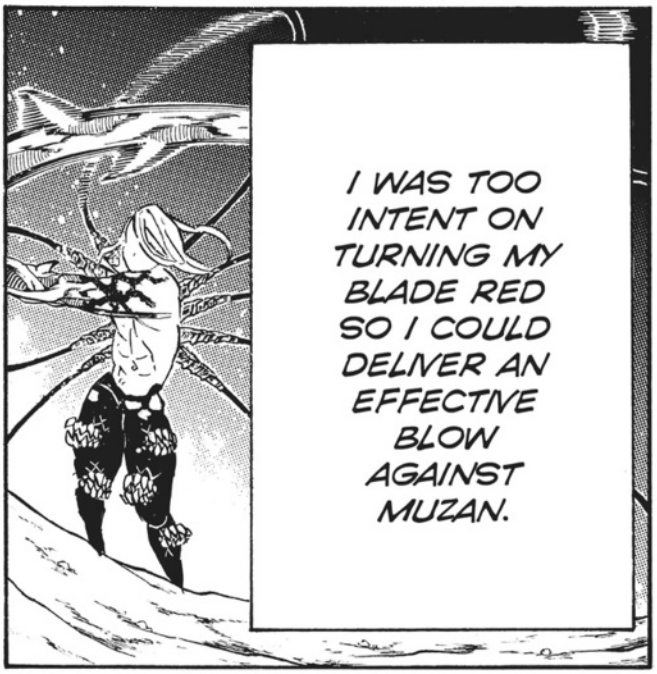
...IS WHAT RAISED THE BLADE'S TEMPERATURE.
PERHAPS RECEIVING A STRONG BLOW...
...IS ITS WIELDER PUSHING HIMSELF TO THE BRINK OF DEATH...
WHAT STAINS A BLADE RED...
...IS LIKE A VISE!
...SO THAT HIS GRIP...


Iguro's scabbard is leather. Otherwise, he wouldn't be able to unsheathe his sword due to its wavy shape.
Can't unsheathe. Seriously. It's impossible.
Open-sided scabbard
Tecchin's son Gantetsu made it.
Like this.
Akkimessatsu
Wraps around the blade
Fastens with weak magnets
Igucchi

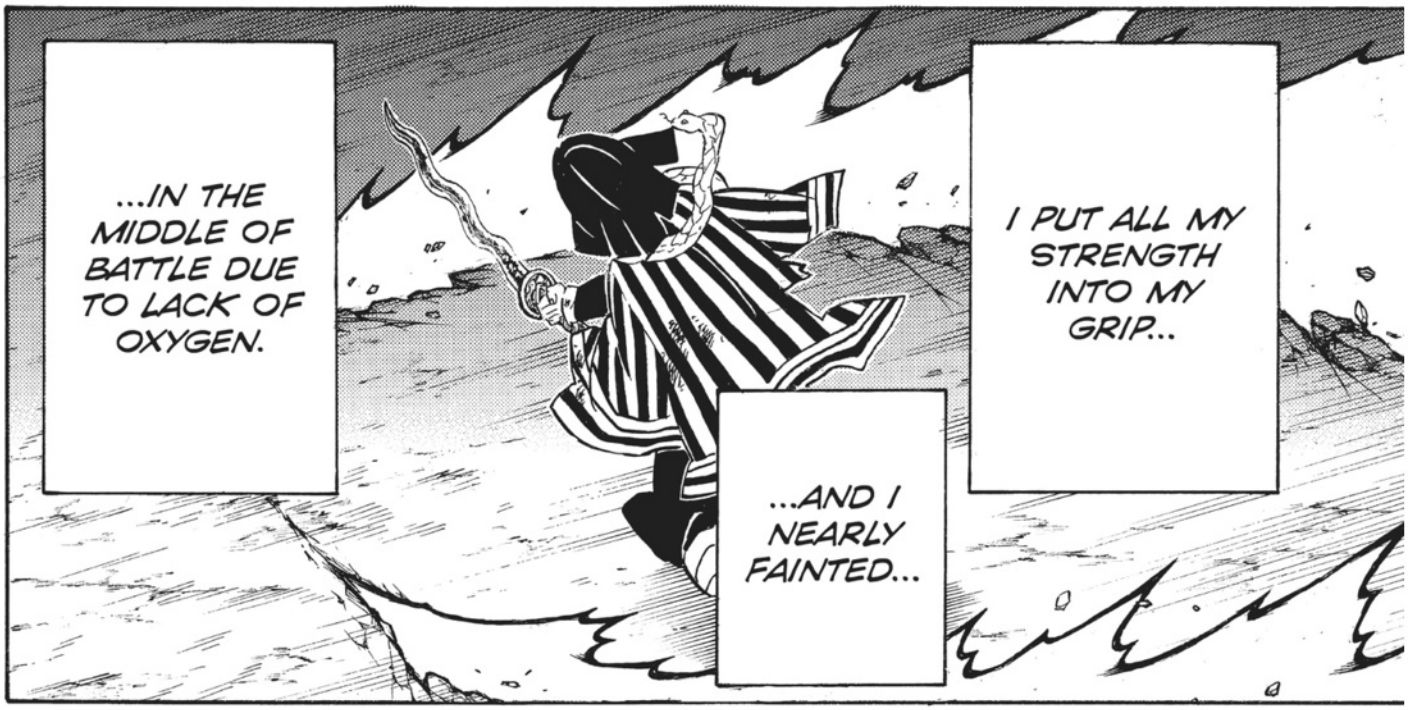


CHAPTER 190: ONE AFTER ANOTHER

...I REALIZED I HAD MADE A MISTAKE.
WHEN I SAW THE BRIGHT-RED BLADE...


I WAS TOO INTENT ON TURNING MY BLADE RED SO I COULD DELIVER AN EFFECTIVE BLOW AGAINST MUZAN.

I SAW STARS IN MY PERIPHERAL VISION.


...IN THE MIDDLE OF BATTLE DUE TO LACK OF OXYGEN.
I PUT ALL MY STRENGTH INTO MY GRIP...
...AND I NEARLY FAINTED...

IGURO!!
FWSH
IT'S NO USE. I'VE LOST SENSATION EVERYWHERE BUT IN MY HAND.
HANG IN THERE AND FIGHT HARDER...
...TO MAKE UP FOR KANROJI.
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO DISPERSE MUZAN'S ATTACKS.
IF ONE OF US FALLS, THE BURDEN ON THE OTHERS INCREASES.

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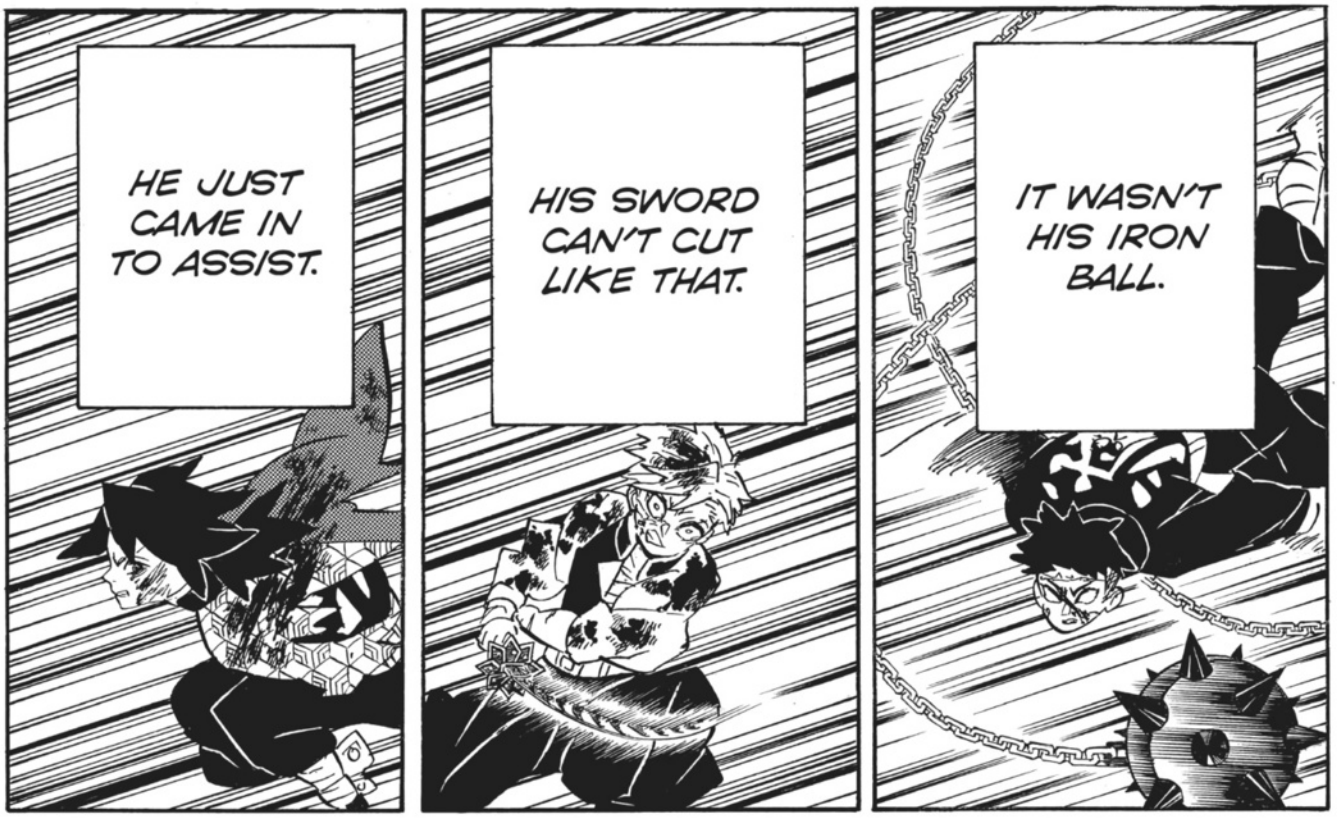
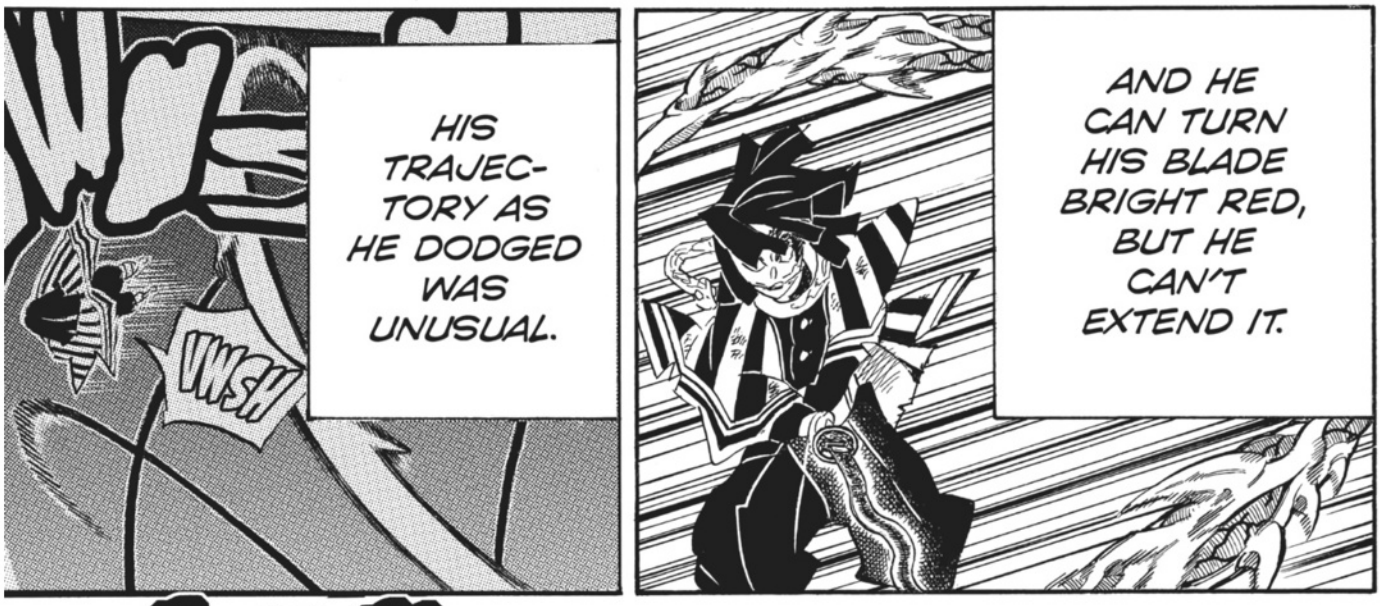
IGURO! I WAS TOO LATE!!

IGURO
!!
WHIS
SWISH
!!
WISH

WHRL
WHAT KIND OF CUT IS THAT?


HE JUST CAME IN TO ASSIST.
HIS SWORD CAN'T CUT LIKE THAT.
IT WASN'T HIS IRON BALL.


HIS TRAJEC-TORY AS HE DODGED WAS UNUSUAL.
AND HE CAN TURN HIS BLADE BRIGHT RED, BUT HE CAN'T EXTEND IT.

SPUT

THAT CUT AGAIN.
IT'S A BLADE WITH A ROUGH CUT.
AND IT'S JAGGED.
I SEE...
SOMEONE IS THERE.
I CAN'T SEE THIS THREAT, BUT...
...IT IS THERE.

...AS LONG AS IT IS MOVING...
...IT CANNOT HIDE ITS EXISTENCE.
EVEN IF A SPELL FROM TAMAYO'S DEMON HIDES IT...
ONE...
... TWO ...
...BUT I HEAR THE AIR PARTING.
THERE ARE NO DUST CLOUDS...
...THREE ATTACK-ERS!

URGH...
AGH !!
HE NOTICED SOONER THAN I EXPECTED !!
HOW DARE YOU!!

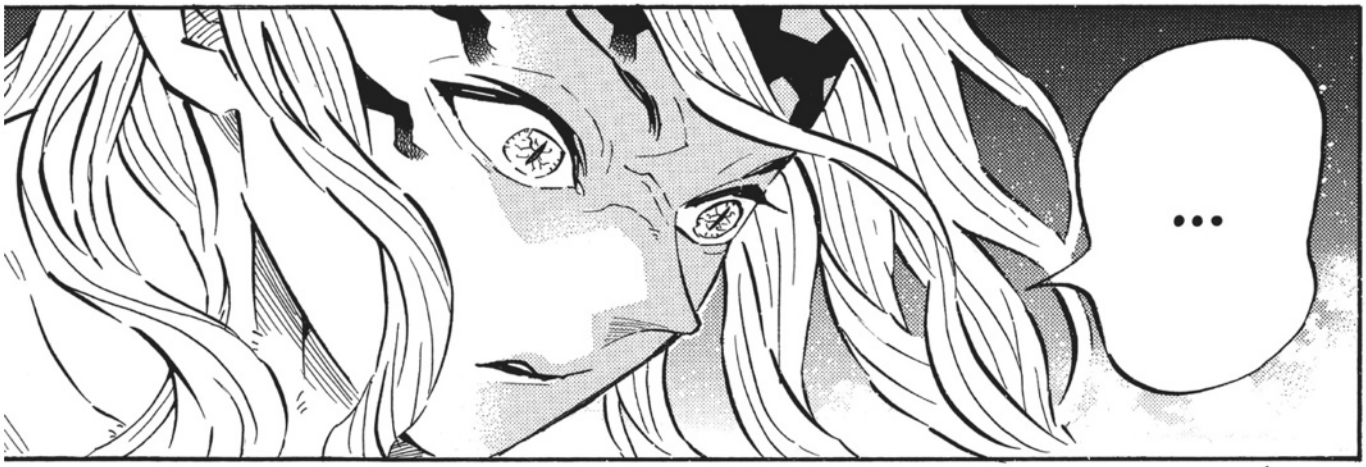
YOU FILTHY MAGGOT !!
OW...
OW OW OW!!
OF COURSE I WOULDN'T DIE!!
YOU GUYS ARE STILL ALIVE?!
!!
SPLL
BESIDES, I'VE GOT TONS OF THESE PAPERS!
WAAAH !!
I'VE PICKED UP A BUNCH!!
CUT AS MANY AS YOU WANT, BUT I'VE GOT MORE! YOUR PITIFUL ATTACKS—
ENOUGH BLATHER!

VRR
TR MB
HE'S REGENERATING SLOWLY! IF YOU USE A BRIGHT-RED BLADE...
...EVEN MUZAN WOULD TAKE TIME TO REGENERATE!
GYAAAH!!
SWOO

THUNDER BREATHING
FIRST FORM:
THUNDERCLAP AND FLASH
FLOWER BREATHING
FOURTH FORM:
CRIMSON HANAGOROMO
...BUT PITIFUL TRICKS!!
YOU PESKY FLIES HAVE NOTHING...
SERPENT BREATHING
COIL CHOKE
THIRD FORM:

IT CREATES JUST ENOUGH SPACE FOR ME TO DO SOMETHING!!
I'M GLAD THEY CAME!
IN ADDITION TO IGURO'S BRIGHT-RED SWORD, IT HELPS THAT WE'VE INCREASED IN NUMBER!!
WHA
KAKIN

シュッ
シュッ
WSH
IT MAY NOT LAST LONG, BUT IT'LL IMPROVE MY OFFENSE!!
HEAT! AND THE SMELL OF SOMETHING BURNING! AND THE COLOR CHANGED JUST LIKE THAT ONE TIME!!
!!


...

?!
TOMIOKA!! PREPARE YOURSELF!!

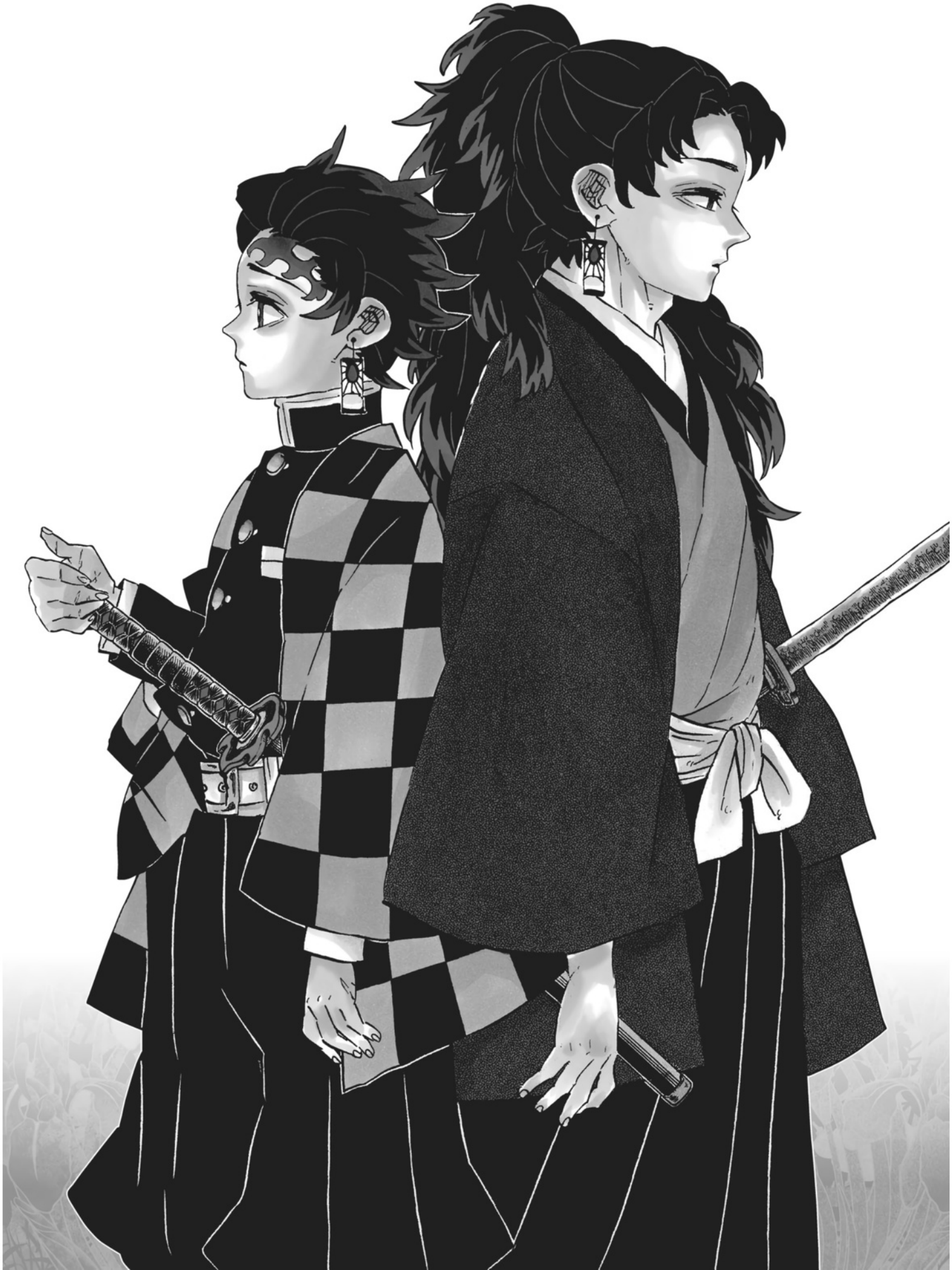
KLANG
SHIT
?!
MY BLADE IS TURNING BRIGHT RED?!

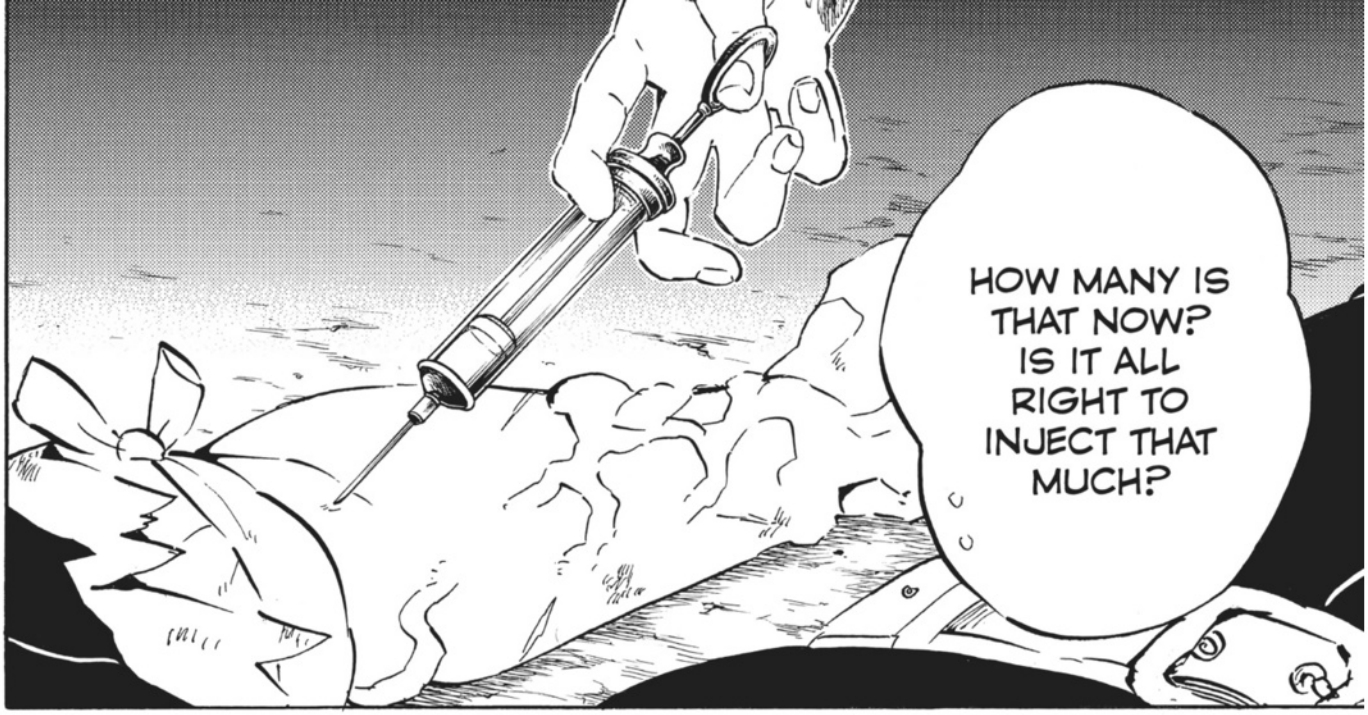
KAAAW!! ONE HOUR AND THREE MINUTES UNTIL DAWN!!
NO PROBLEM! WE'LL CHOP HIM INTO LITTLE PIECES!!!

SENGOKU WHISPERS

The Kamado family lives where Yoriichi lived with Uta. The house was an empty hovel when someone in the Kamado family came and took up residence. When the Demon Slayer Corps was in pursuit of Yoriichi, he came wandering back to the house where he had lived with Uta. There he found Sumiyoshi and Suyako, who was in her last month of pregnancy, and saved them from an attacking demon. Later, Suyako went into labor, so Yoriichi went to summon a midwife and came back incredibly fast. The next day, Sumire was born without any complications. Yoriichi felt redeemed to have been able to do for Sumiyoshi and Suyako what he had been unable to do for his own wife and child.

CHAPTER 191:
WHICH ONE OF US IS THE DEMON?




HOW MANY IS THAT NOW? IS IT ALL RIGHT TO INJECT THAT MUCH?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HMPH!

...TO FREE HIS SWORD FROM HIS HAND.
I'M TRYING ...

...SO HE'S IN BAD SHAPE.
QUIET. IT'S BEEN SOME TIME SINCE MUZAN STRUCK HIM...
SORRY.

EVEN WHEN HE'S UNCONSCIOUS, HE'S STRONG!
BUT HE WON'T LET GO.

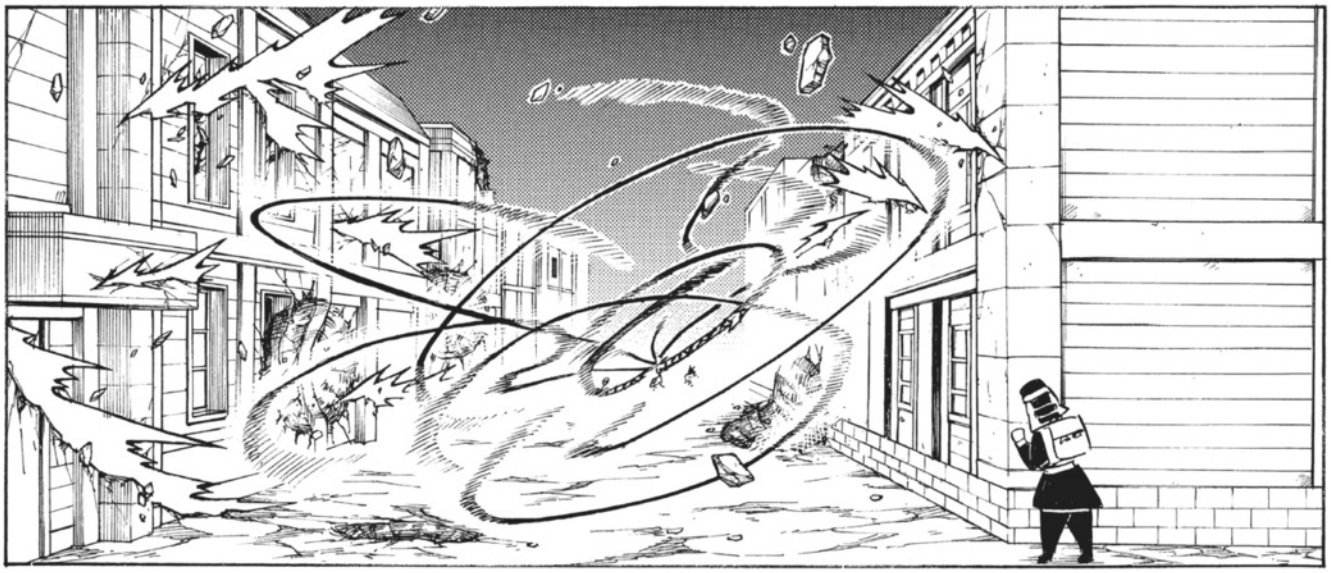
...
HE MUST STILL HAVE THE WILL TO FIGHT.
AGH!
A PULSE !!
WHAT ?!

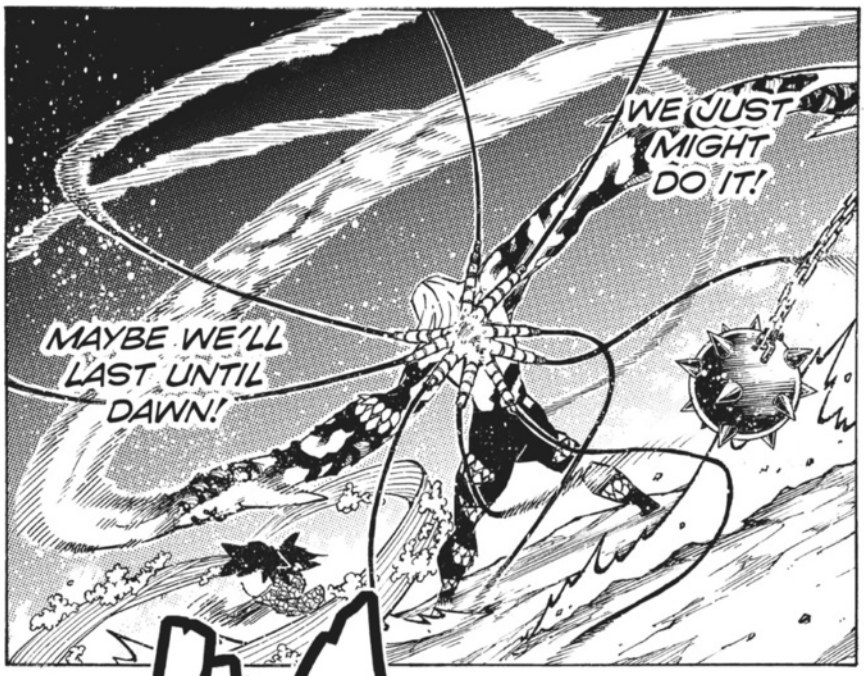
HIS PULSE IS BACK!!
IT'S WEAK, BUT IT'S THERE!!
TANJIRO !!
HANG IN THERE!! COME BACK TO US!!

TANJIRO !!
TANJIRO !!
DAWN IS NEAR!

TANJIRO!! LET'S GO DEFEAT MUZAN!
WE'VE GOT HIM CORNERED— LET'S BEAT HIM TOGETHER!
TANJIRO !!
HIS PULSE IS FADING... IT'S NO USE.
TANJIRO !!
MUZAN WILL GET AWAY!
WE HAVE TO GO NOW!
AH
AH

WHAT ?!
?!
W...
WHAT IS THAT SOUND?
IT'S HIS KATANA.




WE JUST MIGHT DO IT!
MAYBE WE'LL LAST UNTIL DAWN!

W-WOW!!
HUFF HUFF

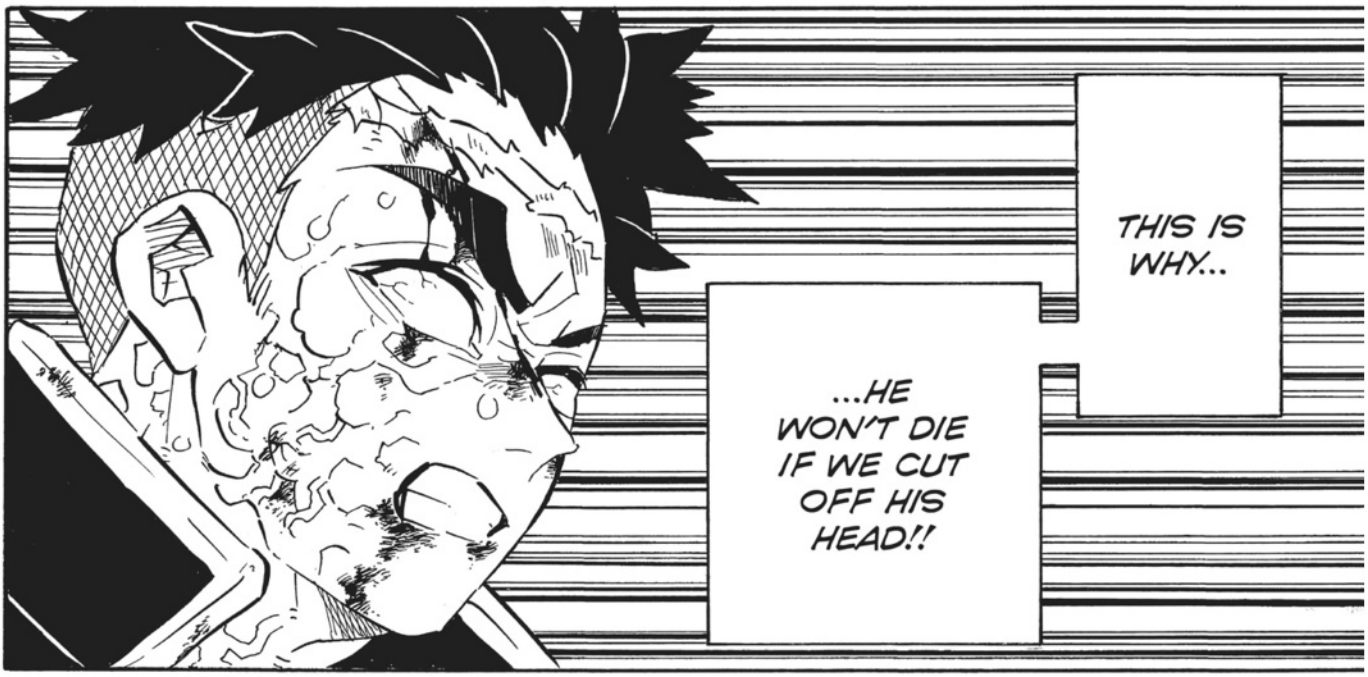
SLASH

AND FINALLY DEFEAT MUZAN!!

BLADE
IT ISN'T EASY!! FIRST YOU NEED TO BE AS STRONG AS ME!
I WANNA TURN MY BLADE RED TOO!!
ZENITSU!! KANAO!!

I GET IT NOW!
THOSE OF US WEARING A SEAL CAN SEE EACH OTHER!
COOL! I'LL USE ANYTHING I CAN!
WIND BREATHING
SEVENTH FORM:
GALE— SUDDEN GUSTS!
MORE FIGHTERS PROVIDED JUST ENOUGH LEEWAY FOR ME TO CONCENTRATE.
IF I EXAMINE MUZAN'S BODY IN THE TRANSPARENT WORLD...
...I MAY LEARN SOMETHING ADVANTAGEOUS FOR BATTLE.

WISH
LISTEN CLOSELY TO THE ECHOES...
...JUST LIKE BEFORE.
HE HAS MULTIPLE BRAINS AND HEARTS!!
HE'S UNBELIEV-ABLE!!
HIS INTERNAL ORGANS ARE COMPLI-CATED...
...BUT HE CAN MAKE MORE...
...THAN ONE BODY SHOULD HAVE!!

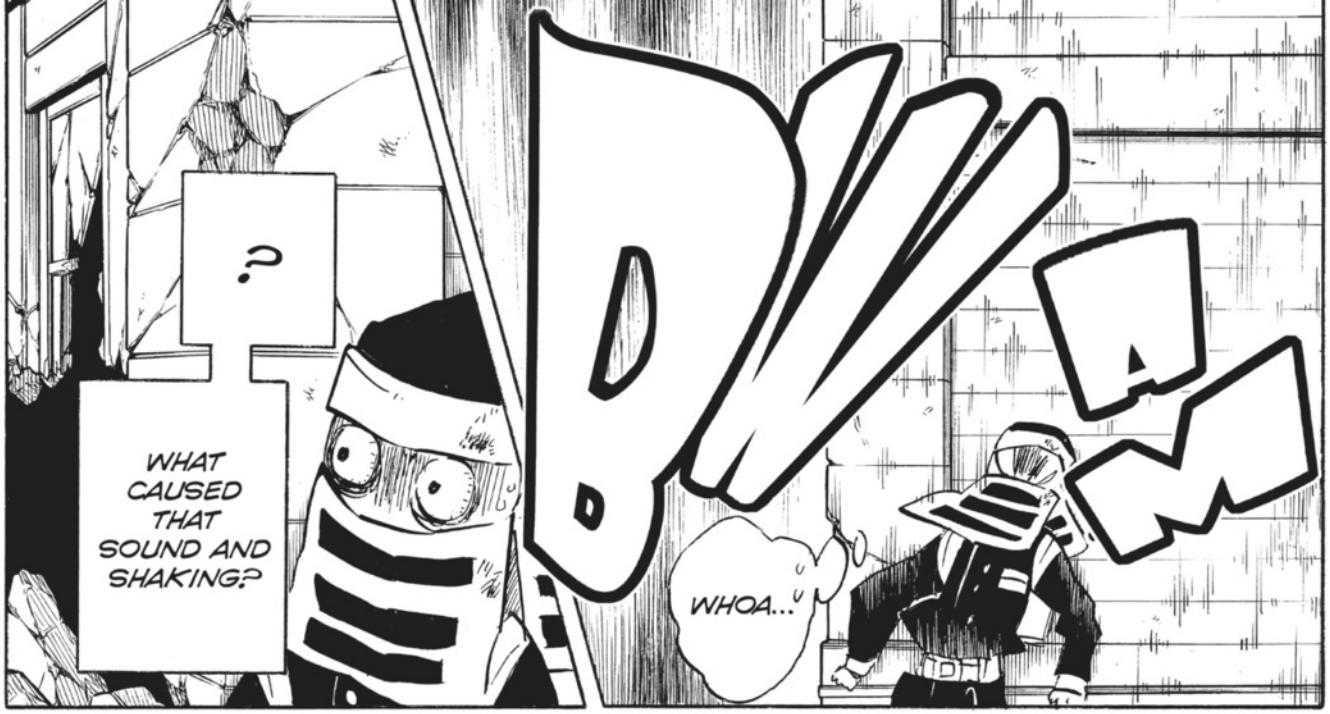

THIS IS WHY...
...HE WON'T DIE IF WE CUT OFF HIS HEAD!!

THEY DON'T HAVE FIXED LOCATIONS, WHICH MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO STRIKE THEM.
AND HIS BRAINS AND HEARTS MOVE!!

LOOK CLOSELY AT HIS BODY!
...AND IF WE COULD ATTACK ALL 12 PLACES SIMULTANEOUSLY ...
WAIT!! IF OTHERS COULD SENSE INSIDE OF HIM LIKE I CAN...

DOES HE LOOK TRANSPAR-ENT?
DOES YOUR VISION CHANGE?
THE REST OF YOU CAN TRY IT TOO!!
WHAT IS THIS?
...DID I SEE THROUGH HIM?
FOR A MOMENT...

チェンソーマン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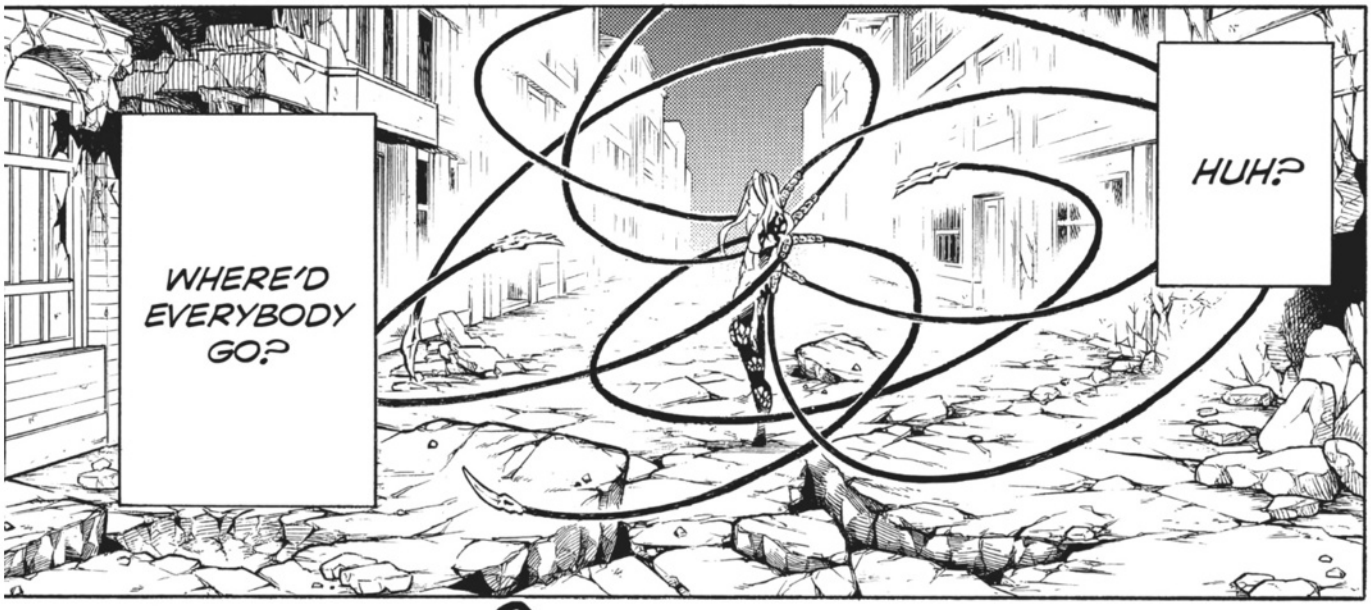
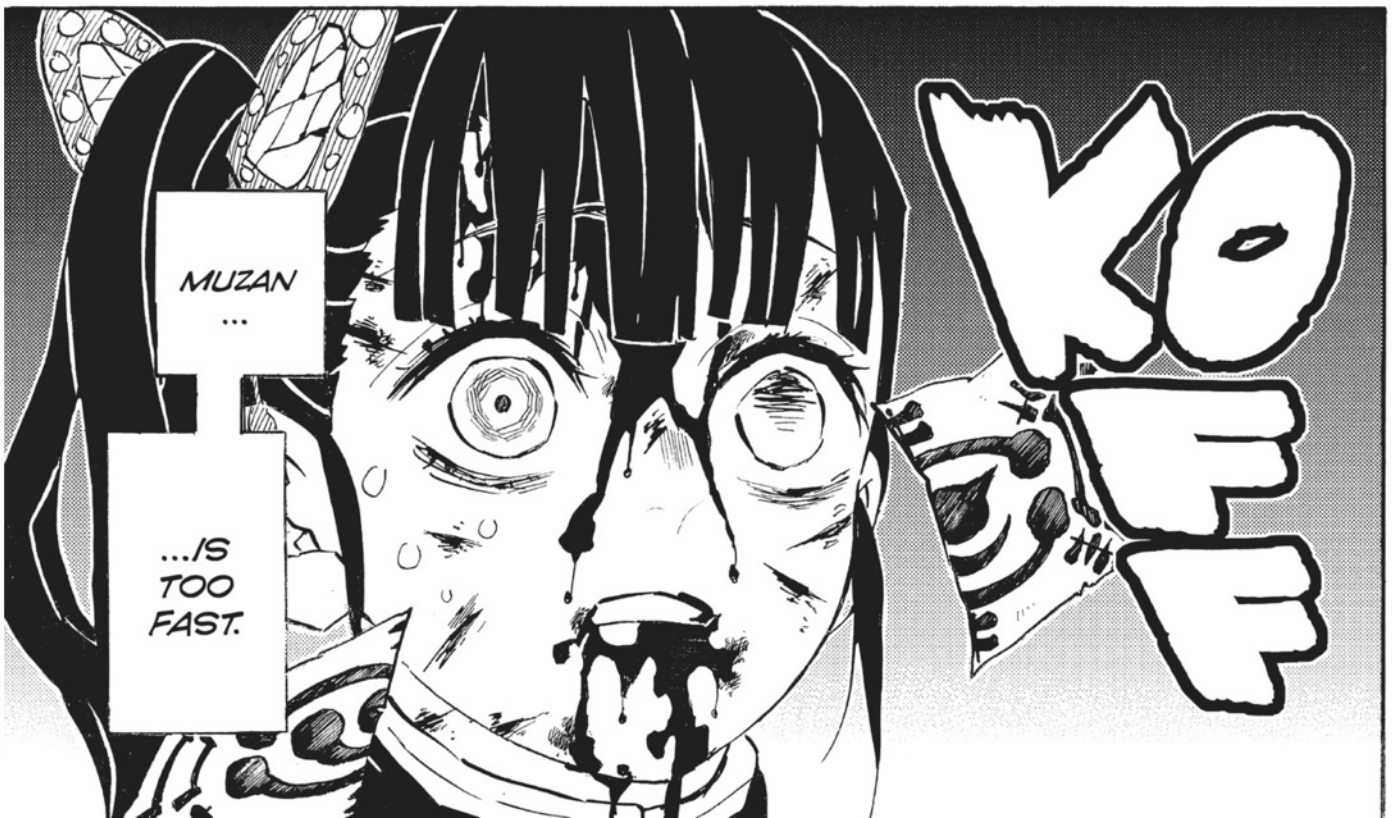
WHAT CAUSED THAT SOUND AND SHAKING?
BWAM
WHOA...


WHERE'D EVERYBODY GO?
HUH?

BABMP
BABMP
BABMP
WHAT THE...
?
HUH?

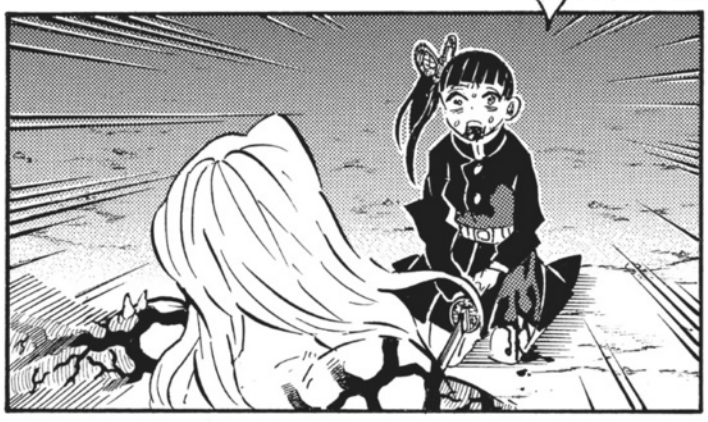

MUZAN
...
...IS TOO FAST.
KOFF

DA DUM
HURRY UP...
MOVE...
...AND STAND.
...YOUR FEET.
YOU MUST...
...DEFEAT HIM...

HE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF ALL OUR FAMILIES.
SO THEY WON'T HAVE TO FEEL SAD AGAIN.
...SO EVERYONE CAN LIVE IN PEACE...

...CAN FIGHT BRAVELY UNTIL THE END LIKE MY OLDER SISTER.
EVEN I...
I'LL BEAT HIM EVEN IF IT KILLS ME.

STOP IT!!

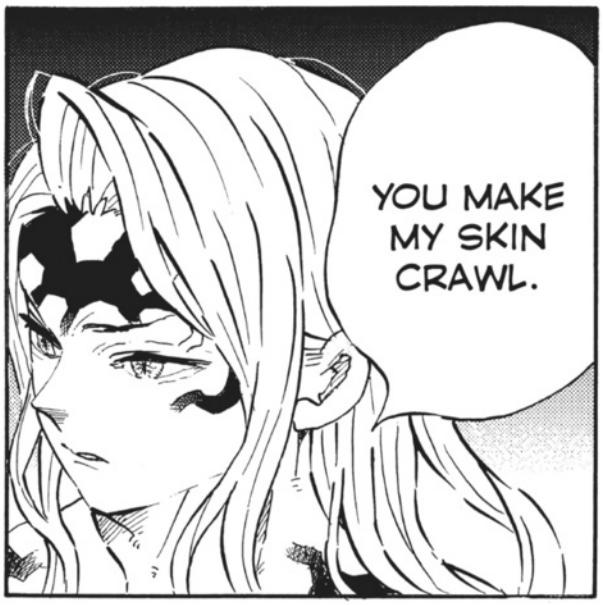


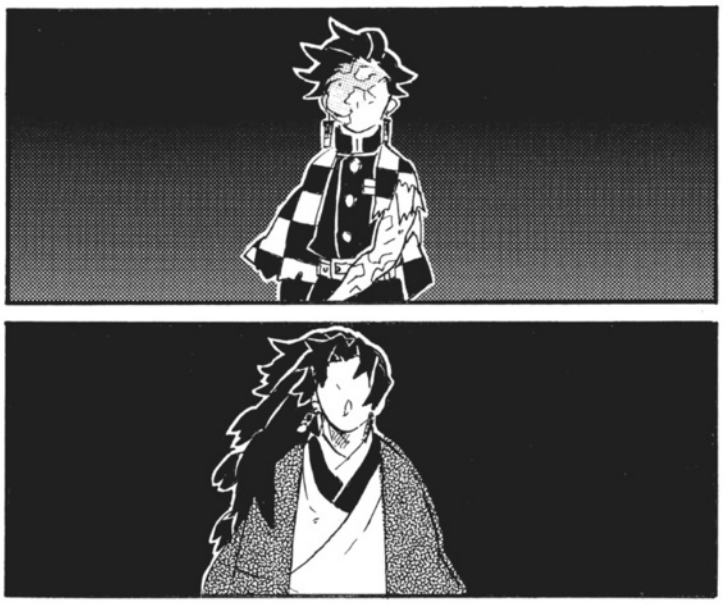
HINOKAMI KAGURA
BENEFICENT RADIANCE!

SZZZ
TANJIRO...
TANJIRO ...
SORRY I'M LATE.
YES.
Y...
TAKE CARE OF HER.
YES, OF COURSE!

YOU LOOK...
...POSITIVELY AWFUL...
...TANJIRO KAMADO.

IT'S HARD TO TELL...
...WHICH ONE OF US IS THE DEMON.

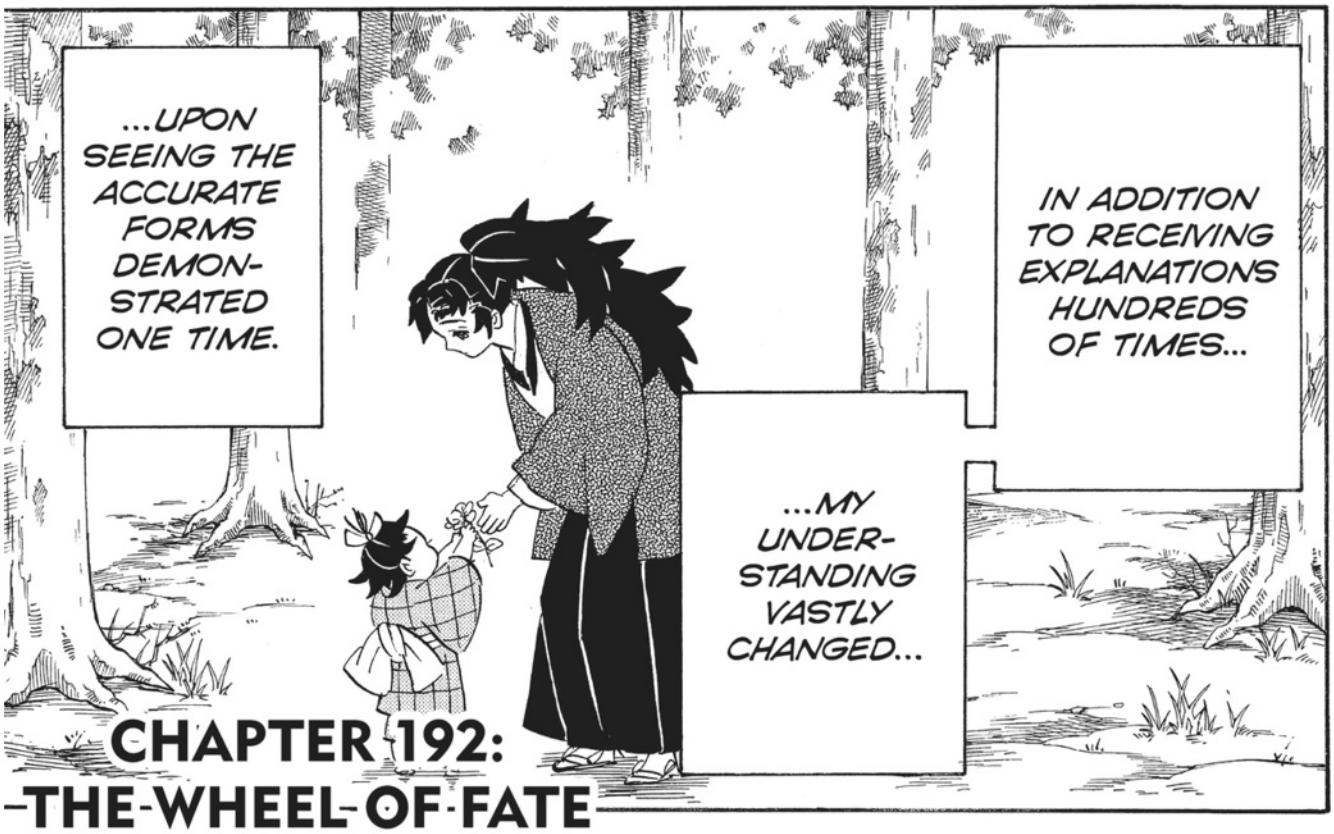

YOU MAKE MY SKIN CRAWL.



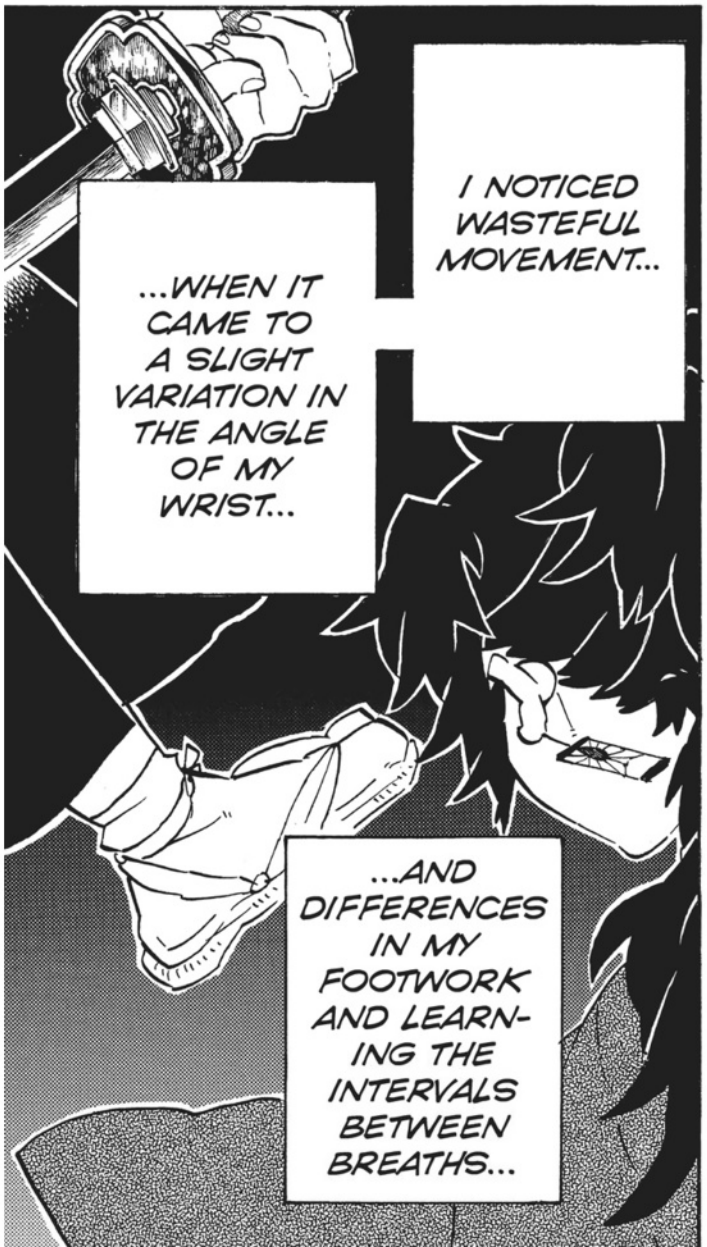
LET'S FINISH THIS...
...
MUZAN.

SENGOKU WHISPERS

Sumiyoshi's house is a nice one because of people repaying him for helping them. He didn't think he had done anything that great, so he refused offerings of gratitude, including money, but then a bunch of carpenters came and fixed up the house so it looked gorgeous. Sumiyoshi and Suyako helped a mother and child in the mountains, and they turned out to be a feudal lord's wife and heir. While the lord was away, a struggle broke out over who would be the successor. Finding their lives in danger, they fled but almost died in the mountains.


...UPON SEEING THE ACCURATE FORMS DEMON-STRATED ONE TIME.
IN ADDITION TO RECEIVING EXPLANATIONS HUNDREDS OF TIMES...
...MY UNDER-STANDING VASTLY CHANGED...

CHAPTER 192: THE WHEEL OF FATE


I NOTICED WASTEFUL MOVEMENT...
...WHEN IT CAME TO A SLIGHT VARIATION IN THE ANGLE OF MY WRIST...
...AND DIFFERENCES IN MY FOOTWORK AND LEARN-ING THE INTERVALS BETWEEN BREATHS...

YORIICHI WAS A QUIET AND SIMPLE PERSON.

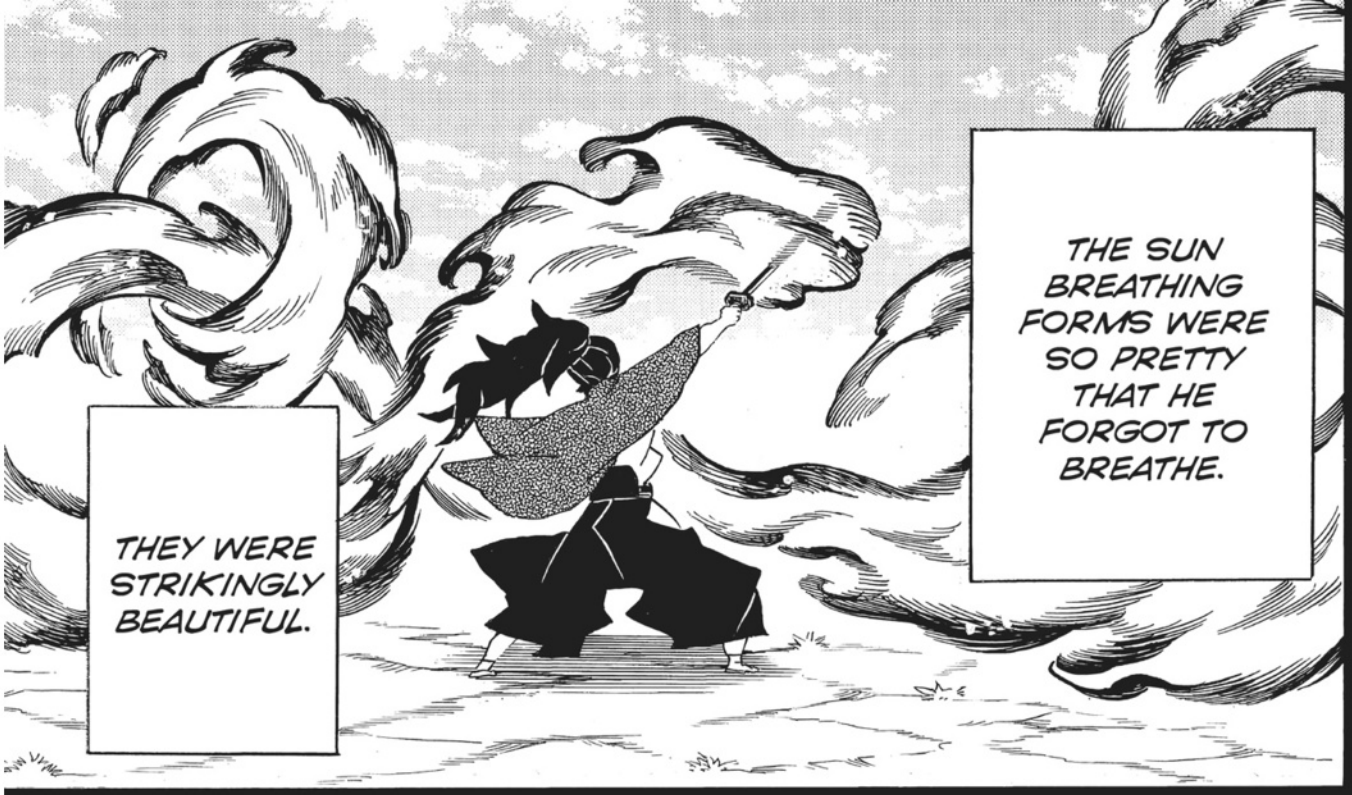
...HE WAS KIND ENOUGH TO SHOW HER.

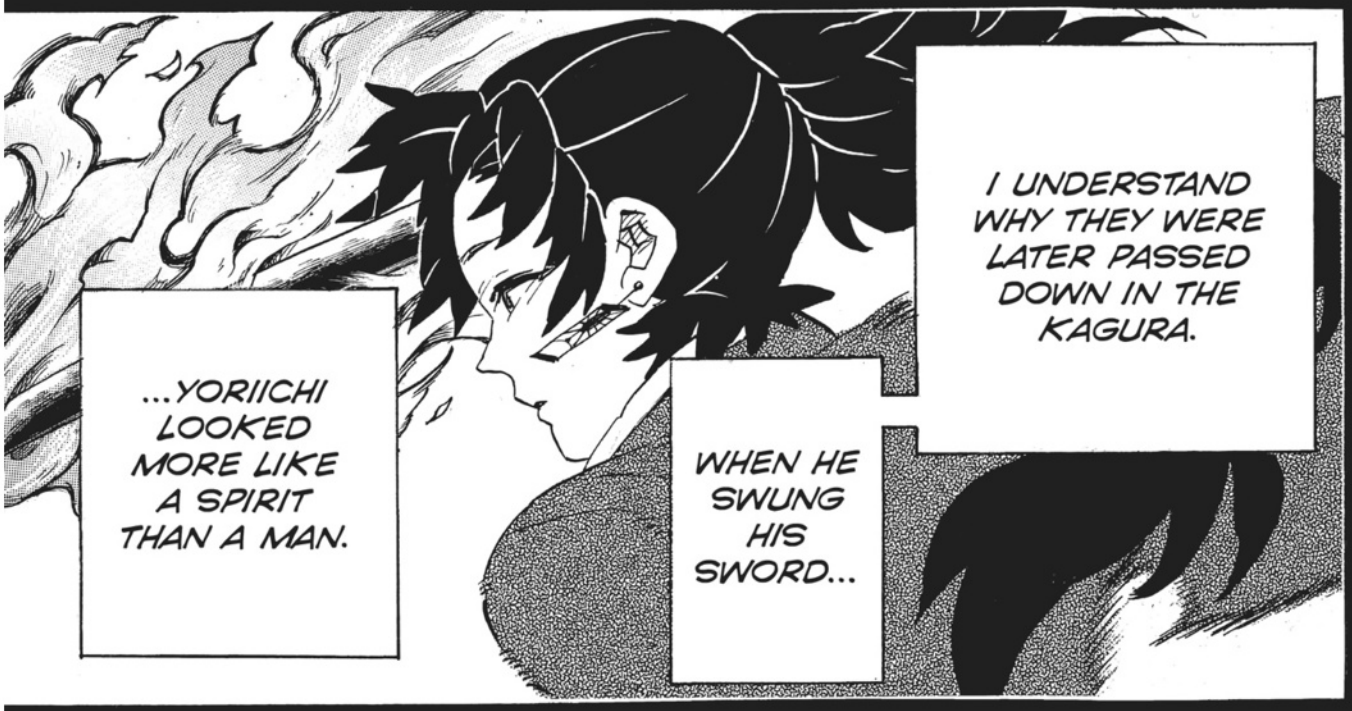
...ASKED TO SEE THE SWORD FORMS...

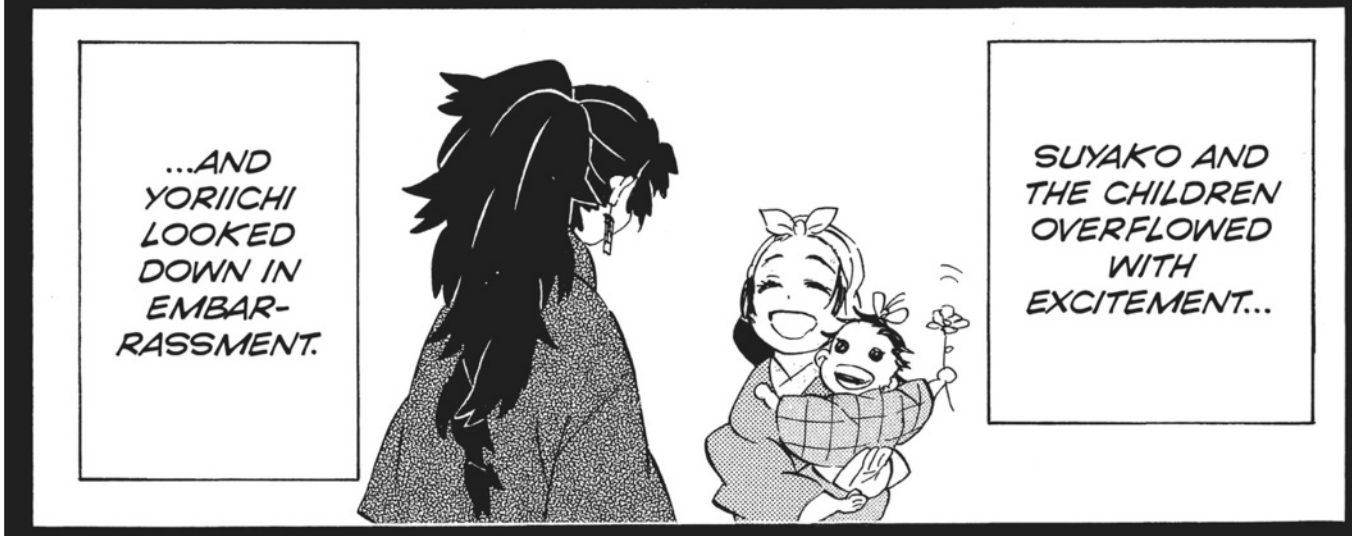
WHEN SUYAKO ...

...BURNING THEM INTO HIS MEMORY SO NOT ONE ESCAPED.

SUMIYOSHI WATCHED THEM CAREFULLY...


THEY WERE STRIKINGLY BEAUTIFUL.
THE SUN BREATHING FORMS WERE SO PRETTY THAT HE FORGOT TO BREATHE.


...YORIICHI LOOKED MORE LIKE A SPIRIT THAN A MAN.
WHEN HE SWUNG HIS SWORD...
I UNDERSTAND WHY THEY WERE LATER PASSED DOWN IN THE KAGURA.

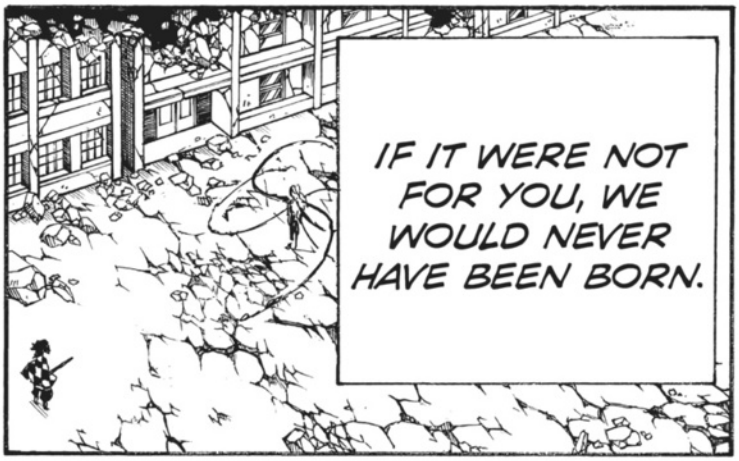

...AND YORIICHI LOOKED DOWN IN EMBAR-RASSMENT.
SUYAKO AND THE CHILDREN OVERFLOWED WITH EXCITEMENT...

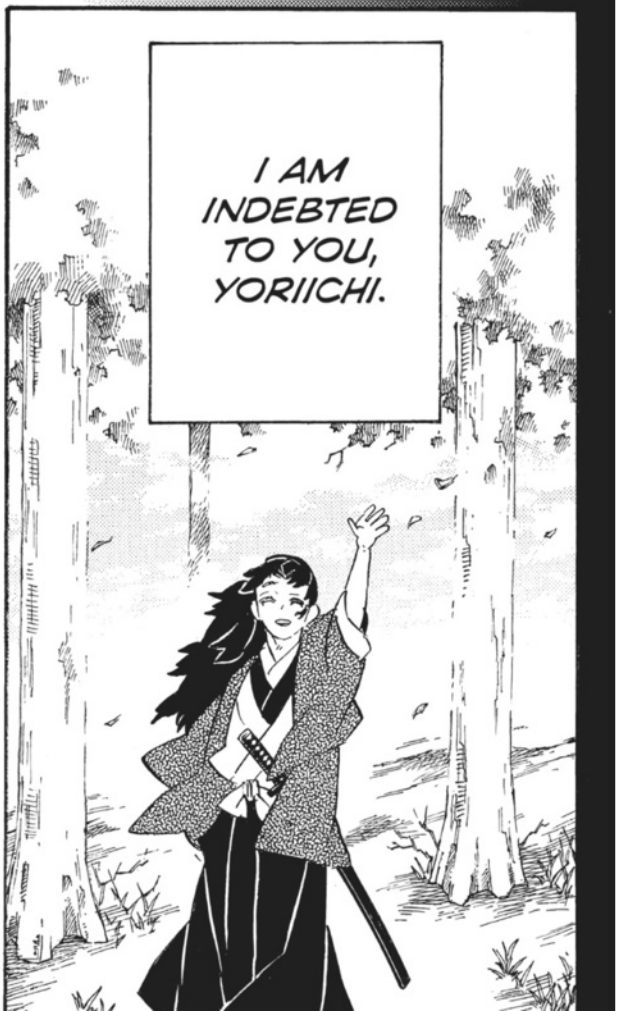
...YORIICHI GAVE SUMIYOSHI HIS EARRINGS.
SUMIYOSHI ASKED HIM TO COME BACK SOMEDAY...
...BUT WHEN THEY PARTED...
YORIICHI LOOKED SAD AS HE WALKED AWAY...
...AND SUMI-YOSHI BEGAN TO CRY.
...WOULD NEVER COME AGAIN.
THEN...
...SUMIYOSHI REALIZED THAT YORIICHI...
...SO WE WILL CARRY ON YOUR LEGACY!
YORIICHI!
YOU SAVED OUR LIVES...
Y...

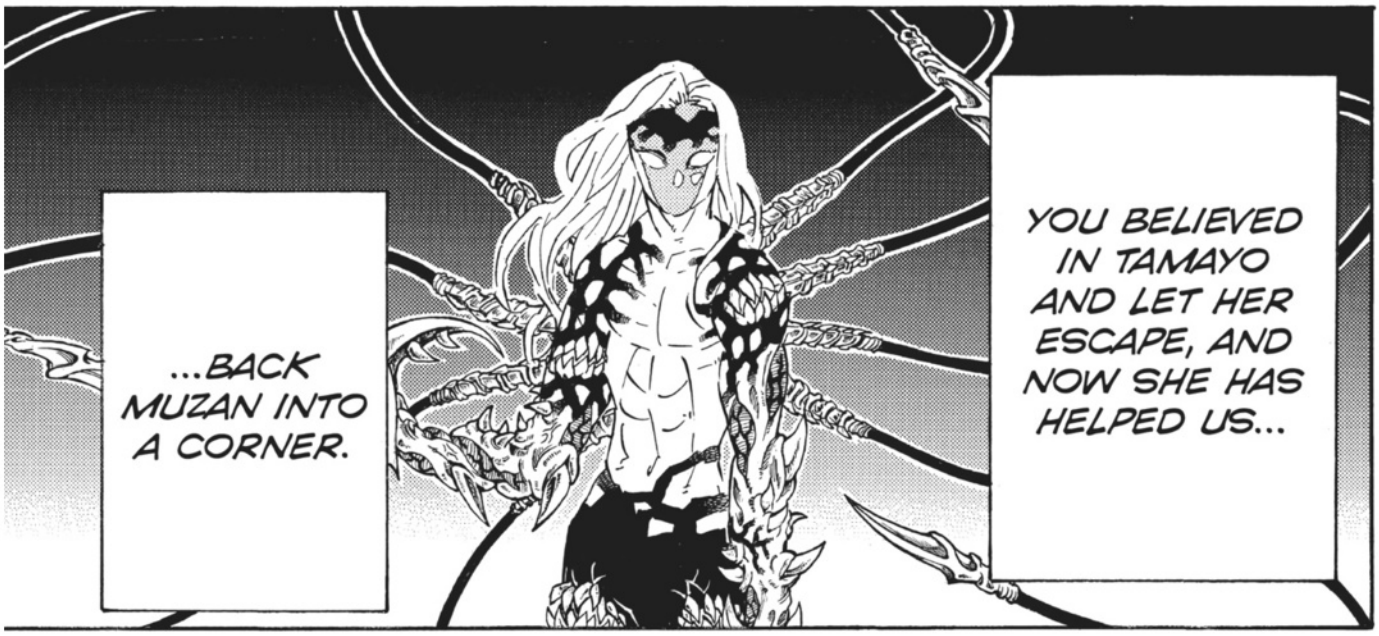
YOUR LIFE IS NOT WITHOUT VALUE!
DON'T EVER THINK...
...THAT YOU DIDN'T ACCOM-PLISH ANYTHING!
I WON'T EVER LET ANYONE...
...SAY THAT ABOUT YOU!
I WILL PASS DOWN THESE EARRINGS AND SUN BREATHING TO FUTURE GENERATIONS!
I PROMISE!!
HUFF
HUFF

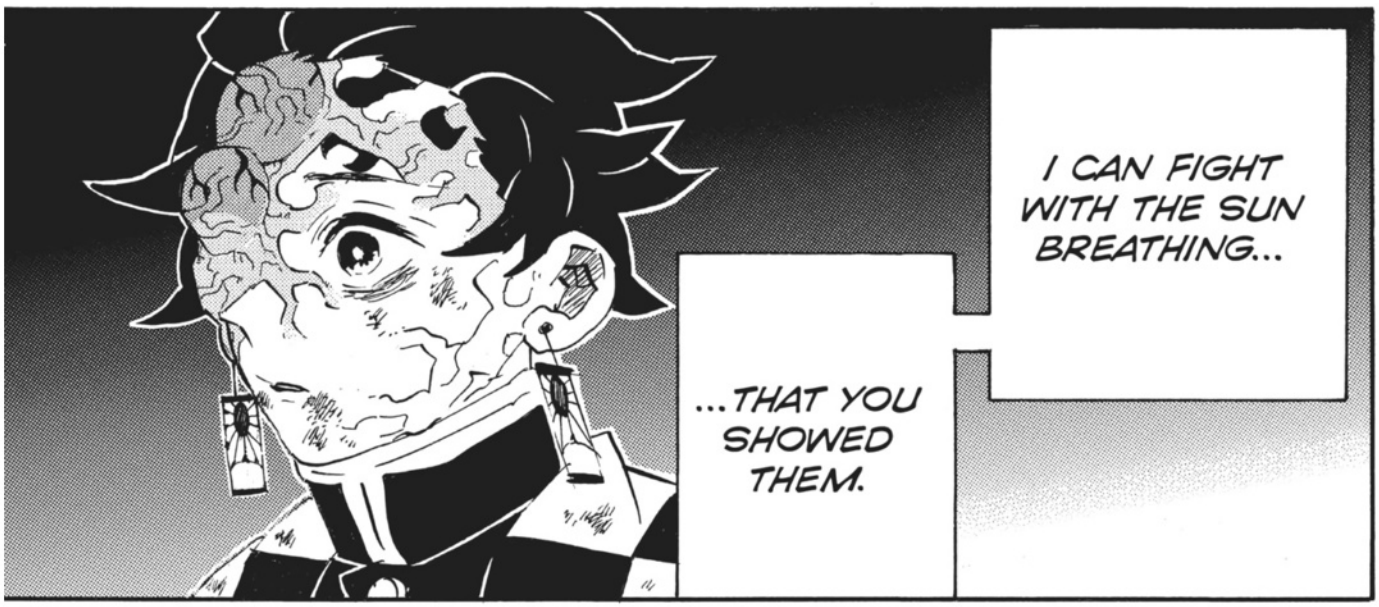
THANK YOU.

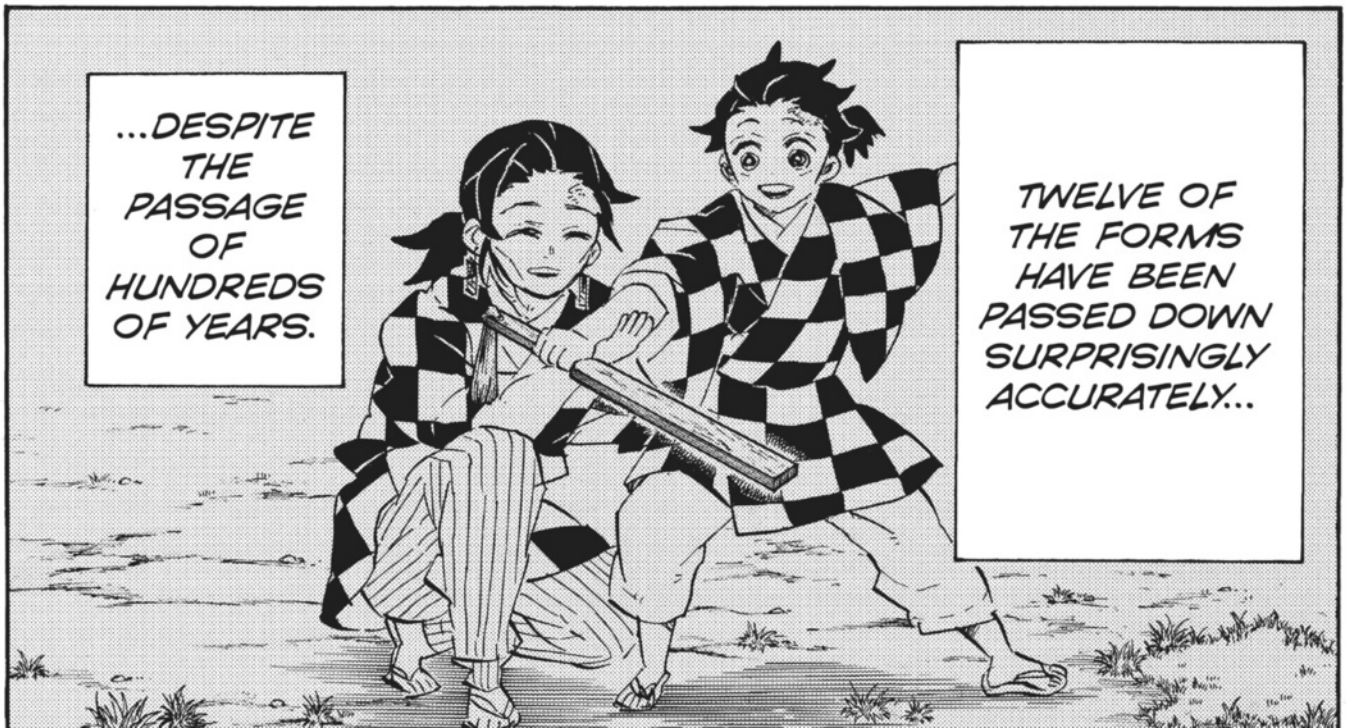
THANK YOU FOR HELPING MY ANCESTORS.


IF IT WERE NOT FOR YOU, WE WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN BORN.

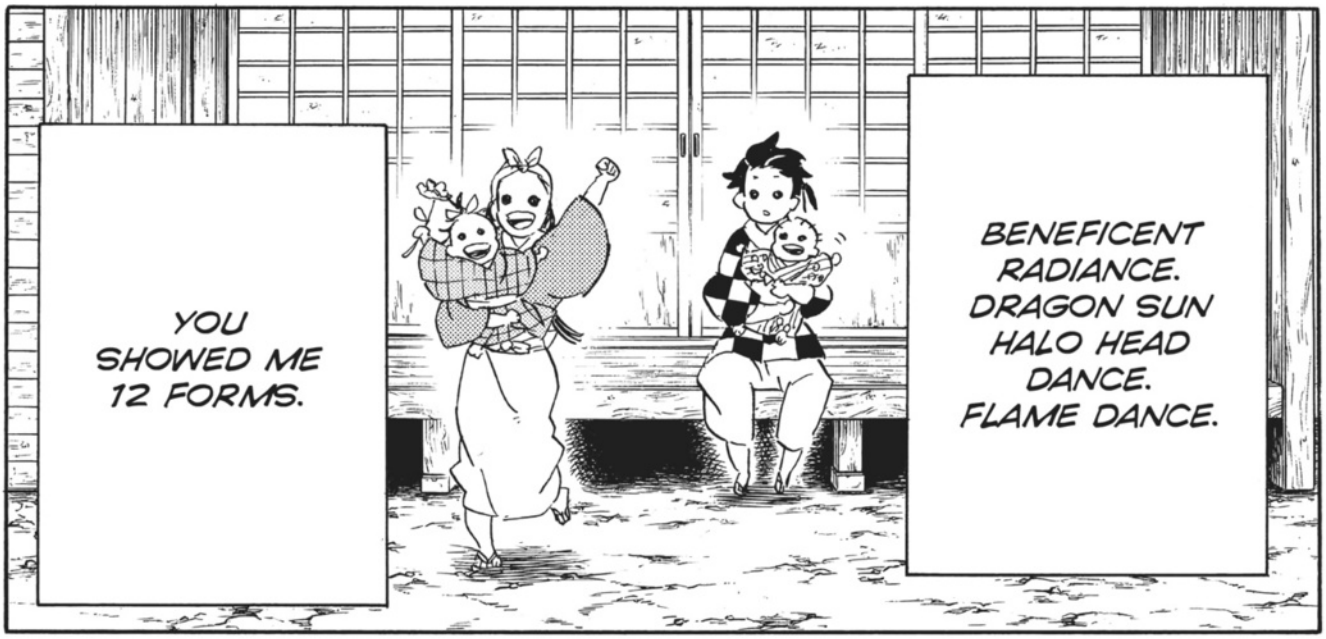

I AM INDEBTED TO YOU, YORIICHI.

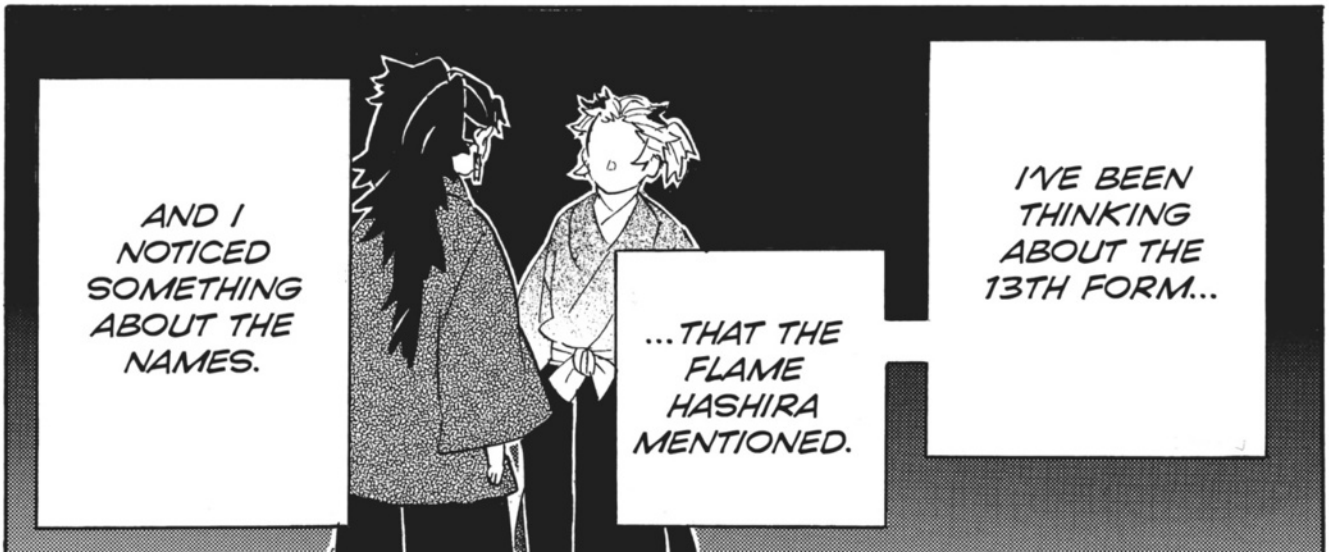

...BACK MUZAN INTO A CORNER.
YOU BELIEVED IN TAMAYO AND LET HER ESCAPE, AND NOW SHE HAS HELPED US...


...THAT YOU SHOWED THEM.
I CAN FIGHT WITH THE SUN BREATHING...


...DESPITE THE PASSAGE OF HUNDREDS OF YEARS.
TWELVE OF THE FORMS HAVE BEEN PASSED DOWN SURPRISINGLY ACCURATELY...

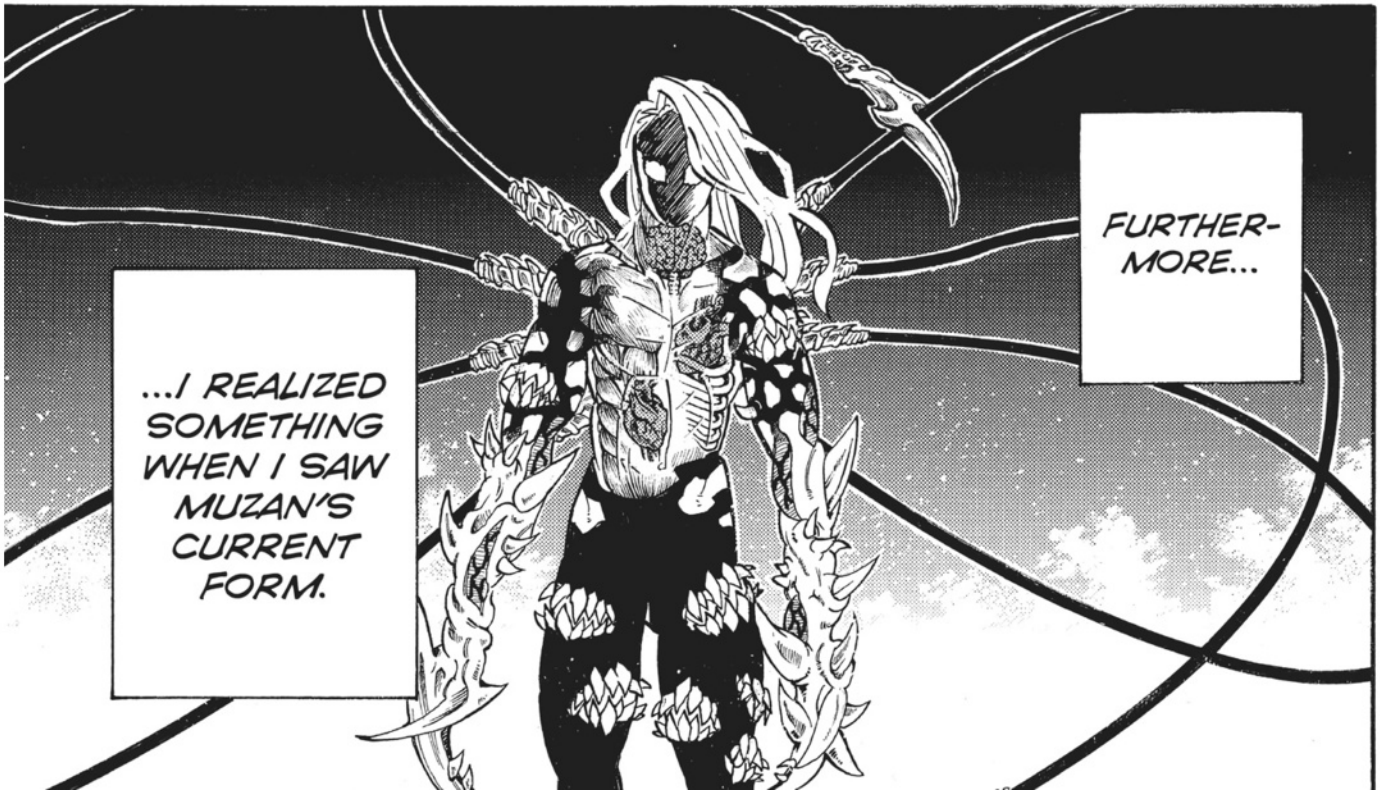
SUNFLOWER THRUST. SOLAR HEAT HAZE. SETTING SUN TRANS-FORMATION.
DANCE. CLEAR BLUE SKY. RAGING SUN.
FAKE RAINBOW. FIRE WHEEL. BURNING BONES. SUMMER SUN.

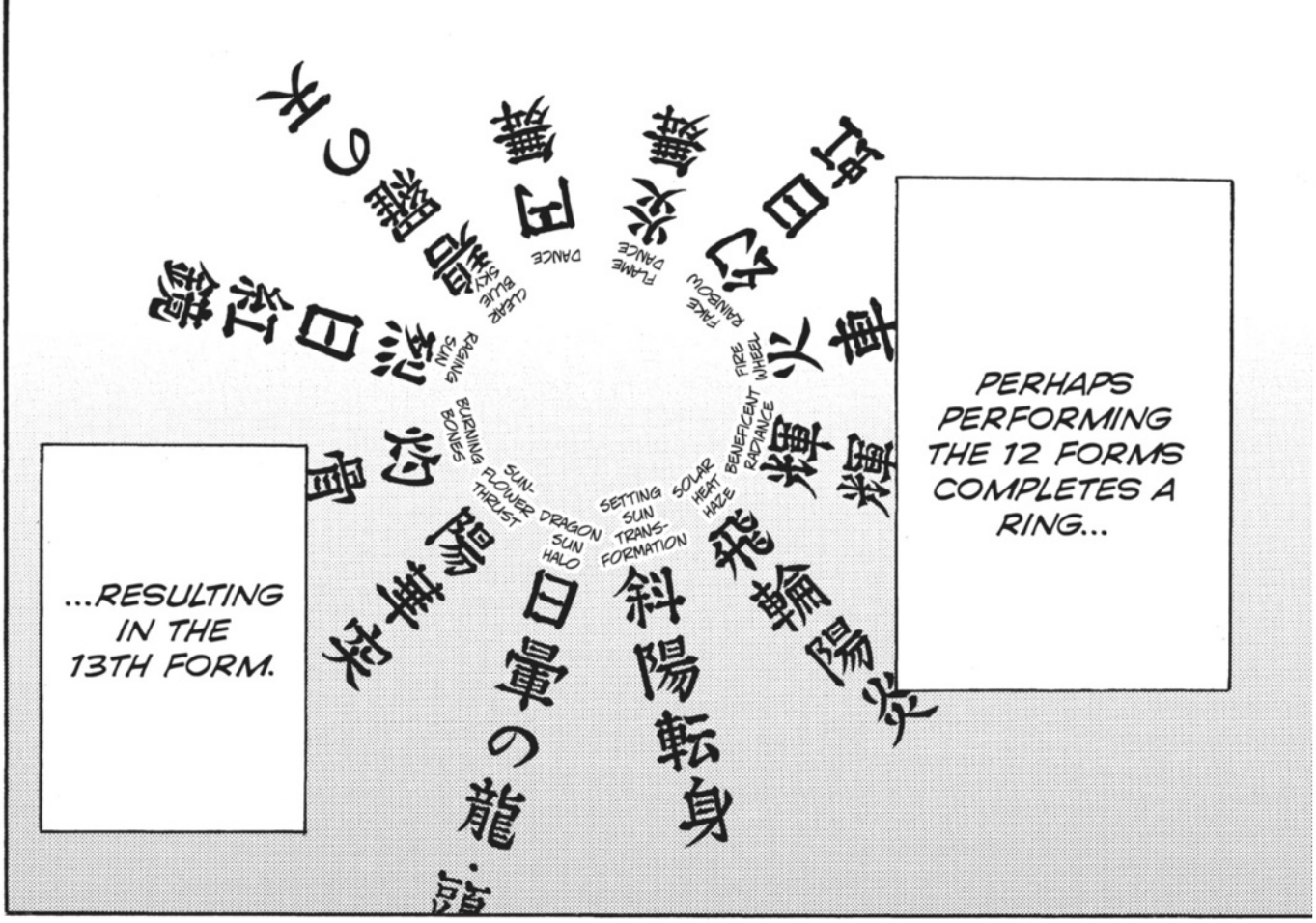

YOU SHOWED ME 12 FORMS.
BENEFICENT RADIANCE. DRAGON SUN HALO HEAD DANCE. FLAME DANCE.

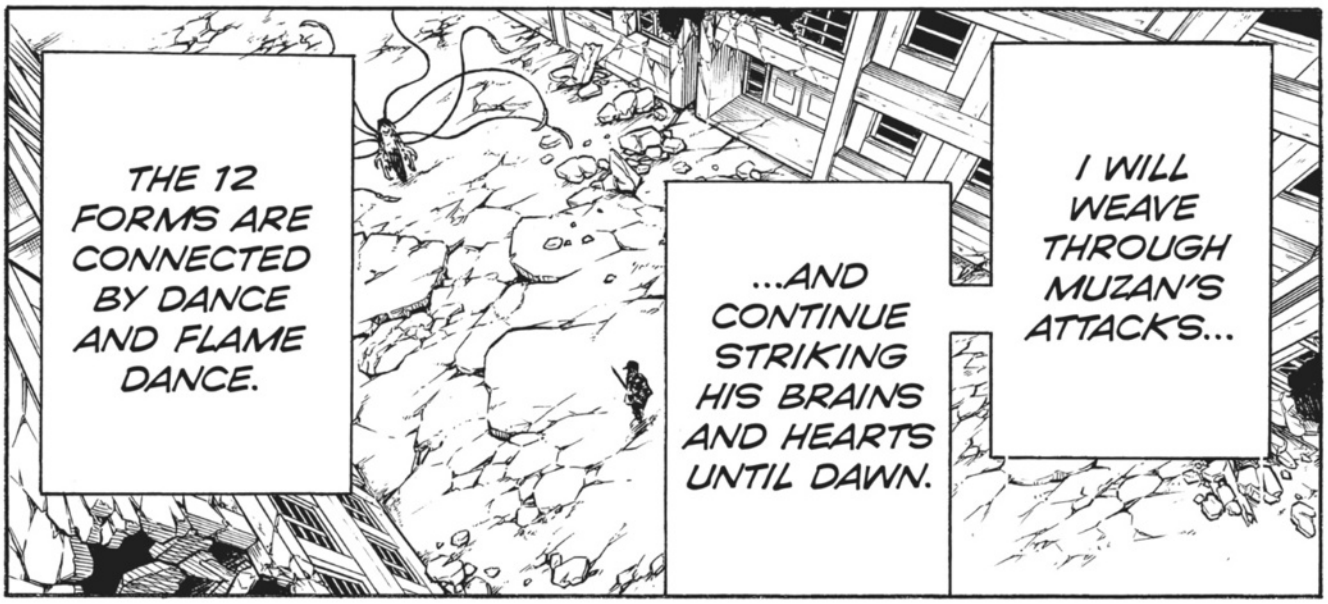

AND I NOTICED SOMETHING ABOUT THE NAMES.
...THAT THE FLAME HASHIRA MENTIONED.
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE 13TH FORM...

"IF YOU LEARN HOW TO BREATHE PROPERLY, TANJIRO, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DANCE FOREVER TOO!"
AND MY FATHER ONCE SAID...
"DANCE" AND "FLAME DANCE" HAVE SIMILAR NAMES.

...UNTIL DAWN.
HE ALWAYS DANCED THE HINOKAMI KAGURA...


...I REALIZED SOMETHING WHEN I SAW MUZAN'S CURRENT FORM.
FURTHER-MORE...

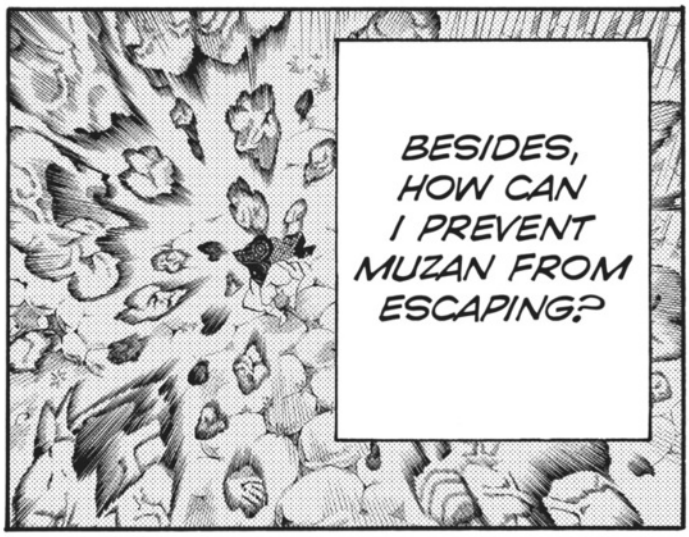

PERHAPS PERFORMING THE 12 FORMS COMPLETES A RING...
...RESULTING IN THE 13TH FORM.
FIRE WHEEL
FLAME RAINBOW
FLAME DANCE
DANCE
CLEAR BLUE SKY
RAGING SUN
BENEFICENT RADIANCE
SOLAR HEAT HAZE
SETTING SUN TRANS-FORMATION
DRAGON SUN HALO
SUN-FLOWER THRUST
BURNING BONES

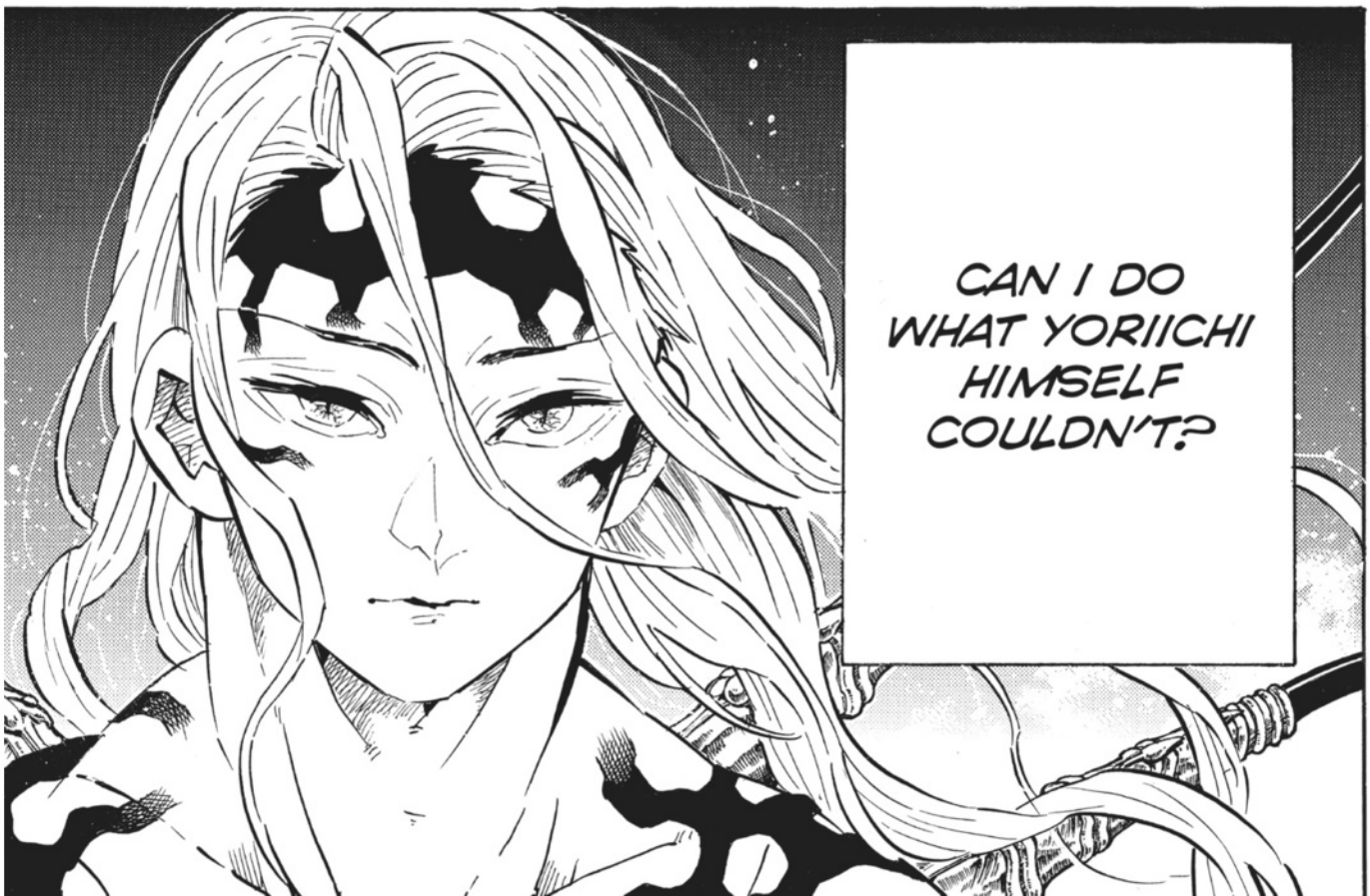

THE 12 FORMS ARE CONNECTED BY DANCE AND FLAME DANCE.
...AND CONTINUE STRIKING HIS BRAINS AND HEARTS UNTIL DAWN.
I WILL WEAVE THROUGH MUZAN'S ATTACKS...

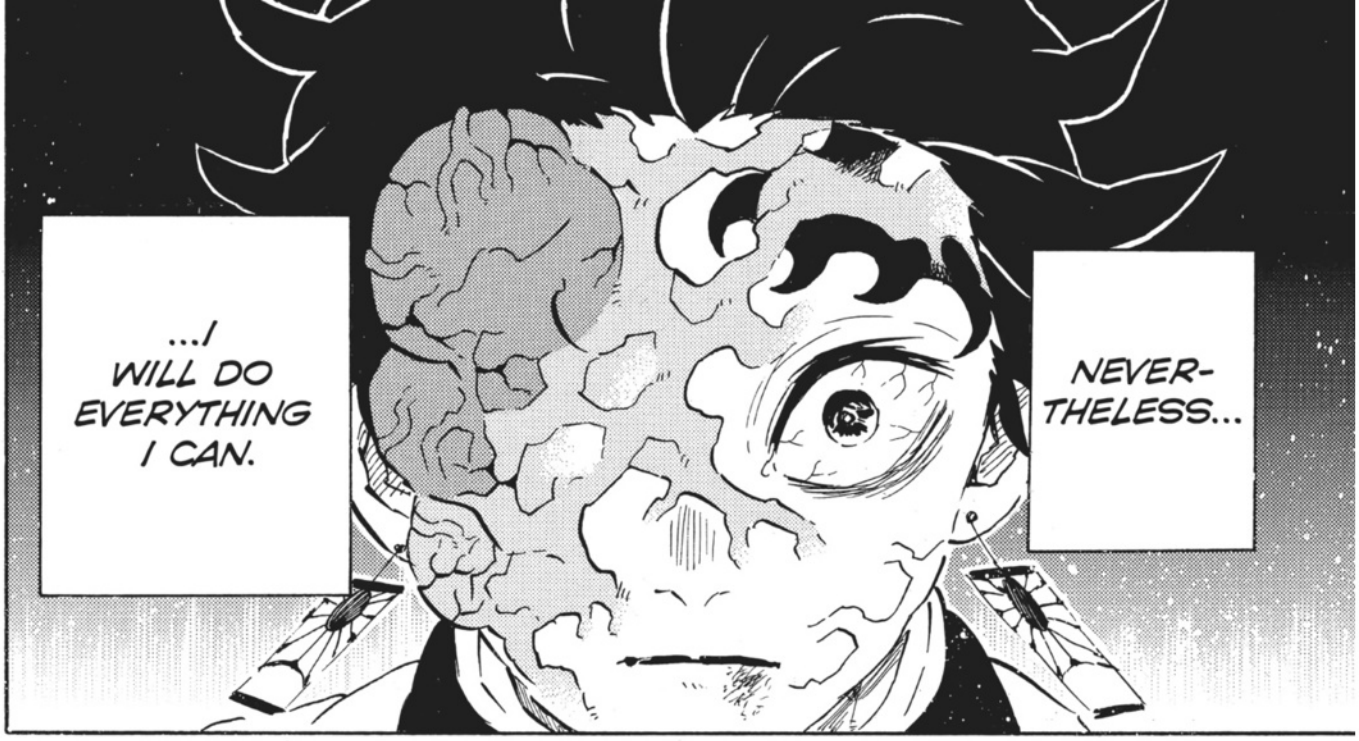
...THAT'S SURE TO PUT ME THROUGH HELL.
IT'S A TREMEN-DOUS TASK...

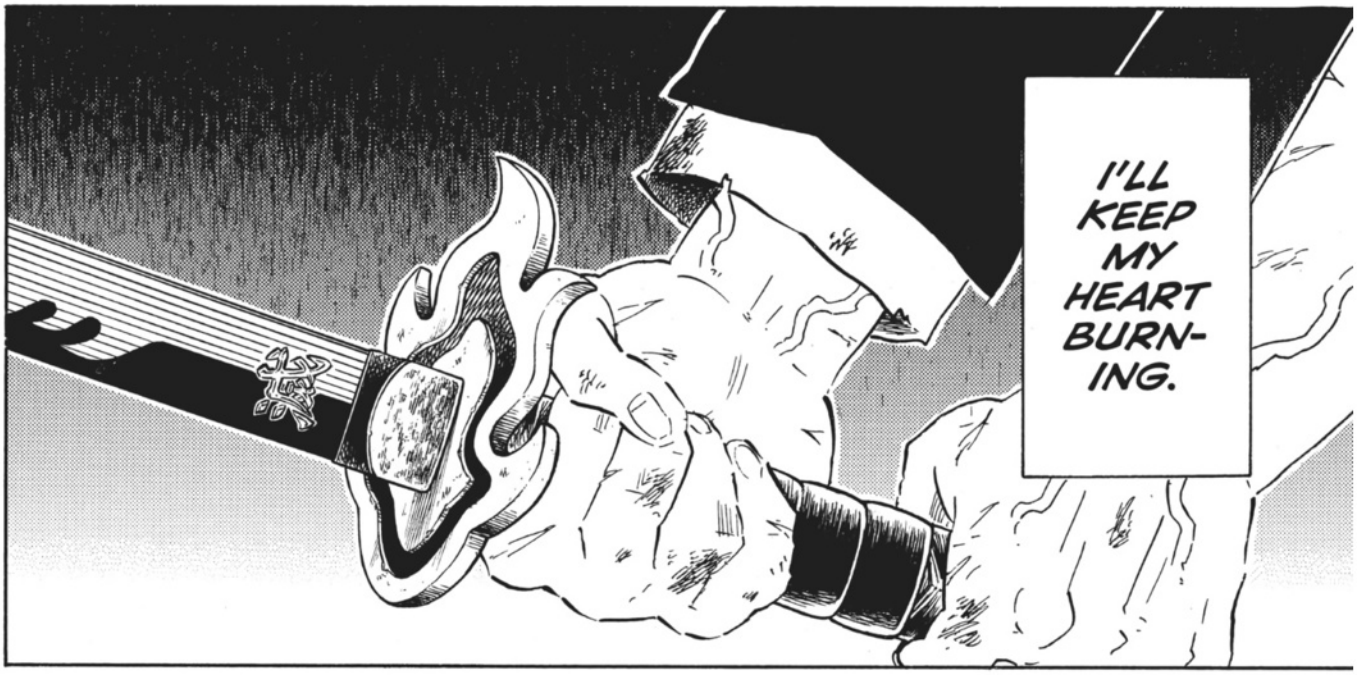
I DON'T HAVE YORIICHI'S OR MY FATHER'S SKILL.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW...
...IF I CAN STAY ALIVE UNTIL DAWN.

I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY SOMEONE MIGHT LOSE CONFIDENCE.


BESIDES, HOW CAN I PREVENT MUZAN FROM ESCAPING?


CAN I DO WHAT YORIICHI HIMSELF COULDN'T?


...I WILL DO EVERYTHING I CAN.
NEVER-THELESS...


I'LL KEEP MY HEART BURN-ING.

I WILL NOT LOSE.
I WILL NOT BREAK.

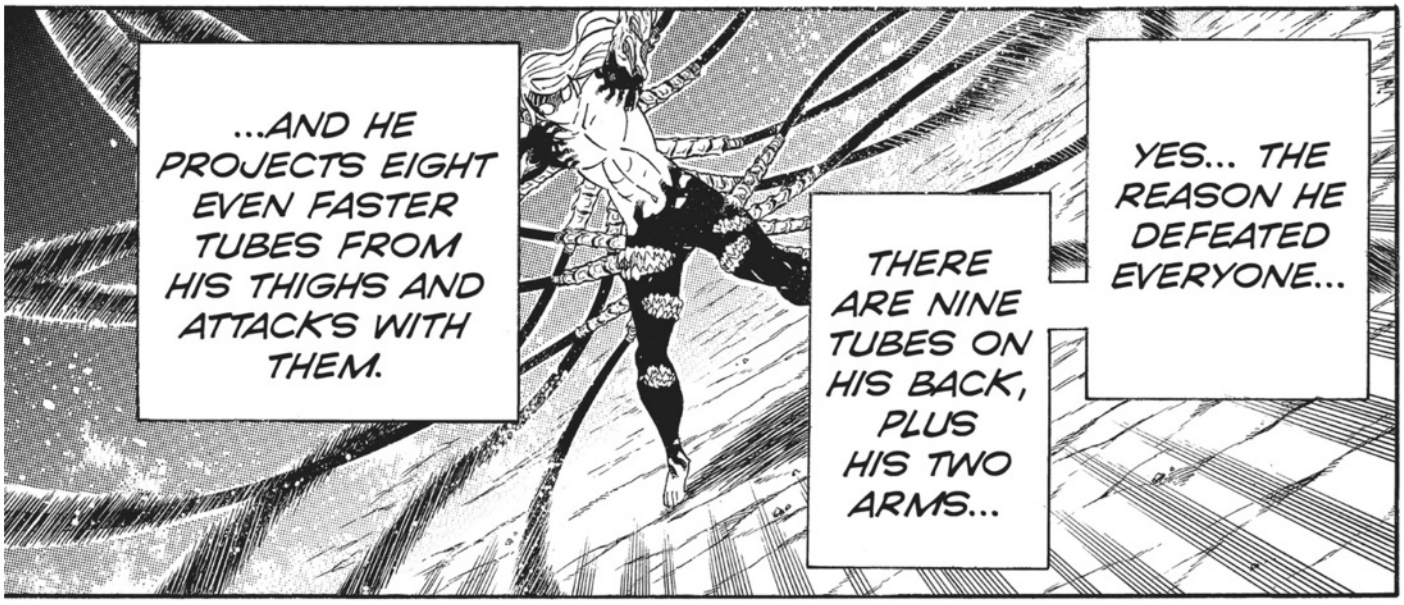
WASH
WOOSH
WOOO

WAHAHA
WHAM
SHING

A GHOST!!

BWOOM
SPLAT

I SAW IT.


...AND HE PROJECTS EIGHT EVEN FASTER TUBES FROM HIS THIGHS AND ATTACKS WITH THEM.
THERE ARE NINE TUBES ON HIS BACK, PLUS HIS TWO ARMS...
YES... THE REASON HE DEFEATED EVERYONE...

MUZAN CAN CHANGE SHAPE. IF I THINK OF HIM AS HAVING A FIXED FORM, HE WILL STRIKE IN AN UNEXPECTED WAY.

SUN BREATHING
DANCE!
RAGING SUN!
FIRE—WHEEL!

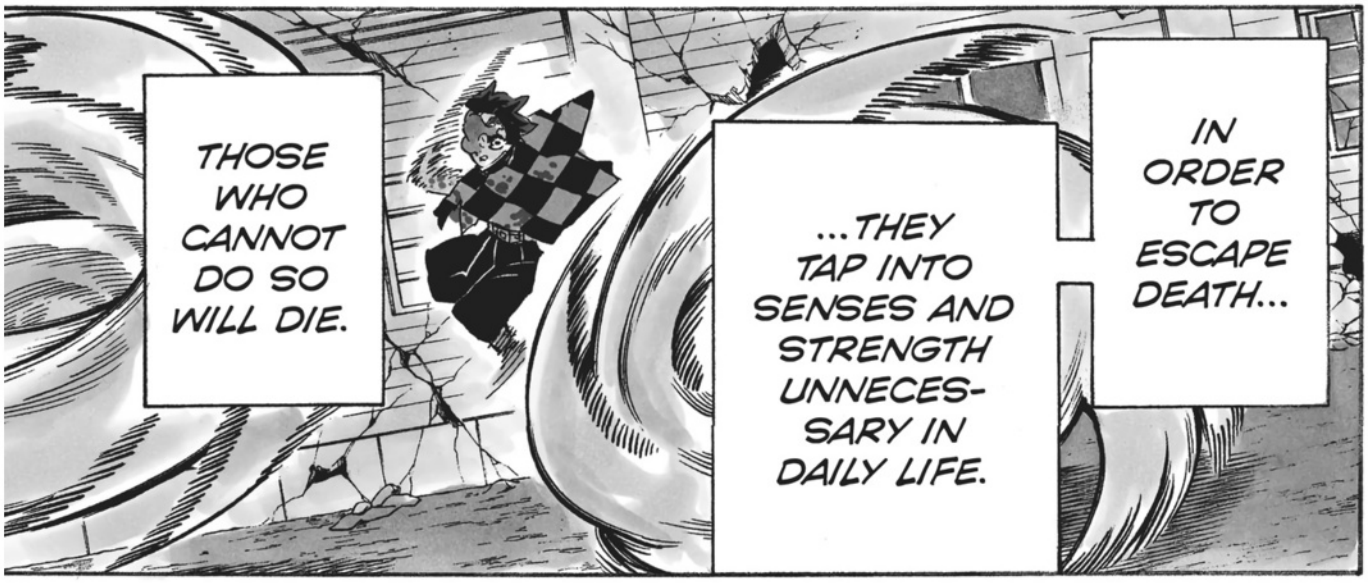
WHAAM
I'LL CONNECT THEM ALL.
I WILL DO ALL 12 FORMS!
I WILL CONNECT THE FORMS...
...SINCE THAT'S HOW THEY'RE DESIGNED.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, YORIICHI?

The meanings of the flowers that Sumire gave Yoriichi:

- White periwinkle—
  Lifelong friendship

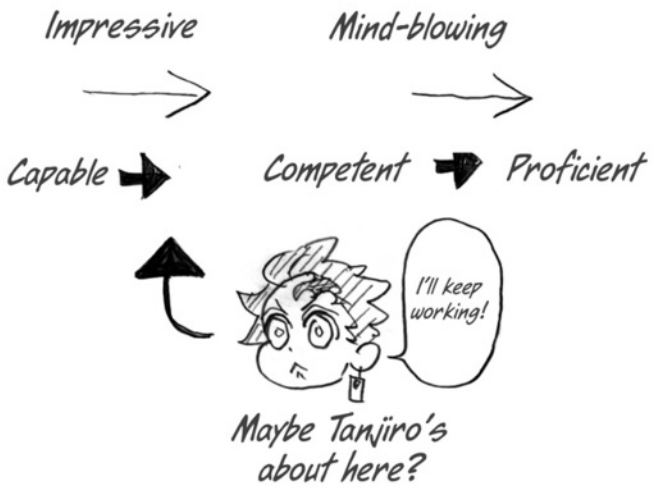
- Pale pink periwinkle—
  Fond memories

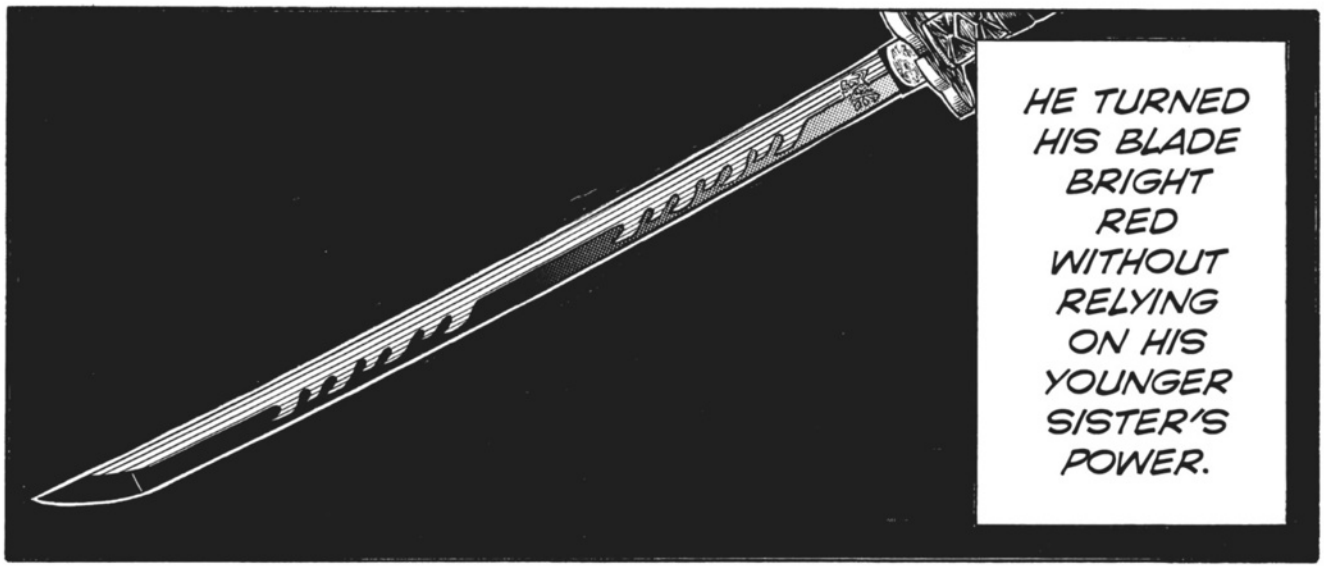
CHAPTER 193: A DIFFICULT DOOR BEGINS TO OPEN



CHAPTER 193: A DIFFICULT DOOR
BEGINS TO OPEN

Being capable, competent, and proficient are all different things. Being capable means practicing over and over to become able to perform a certain technique. Being competent means learning how to do it reliably from any position and under any circumstances. Being proficient means developing it to the point of always being able to deploy it at maximum effectiveness, better and faster than anybody else.

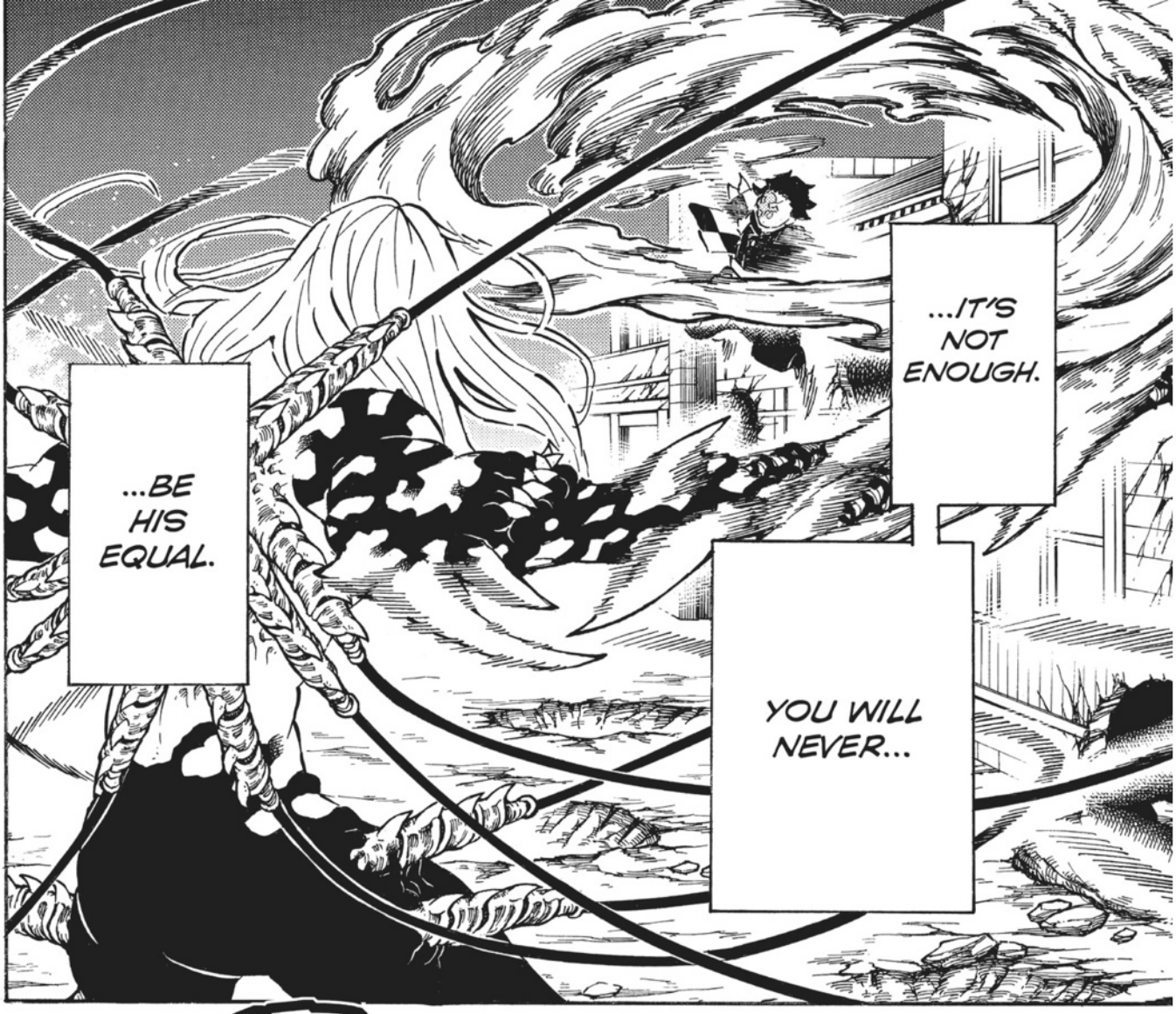



HE TURNED HIS BLADE BRIGHT RED WITHOUT RELYING ON HIS YOUNGER SISTER'S POWER.

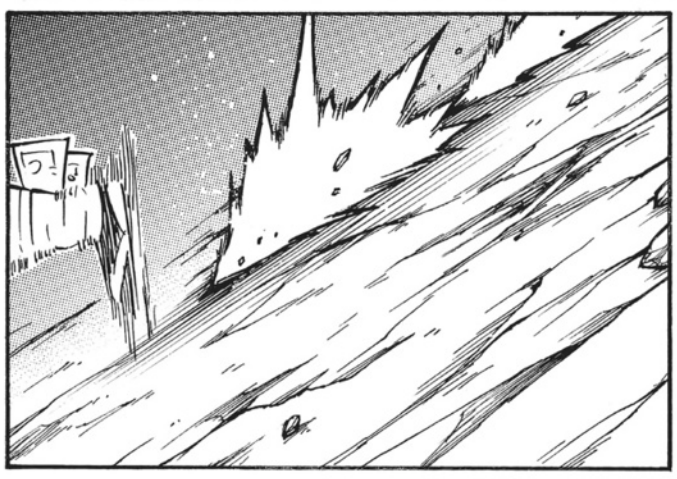
THE HASHIRA ALSO TURNED THEIR BLADES RED IN VARIOUS WAYS.

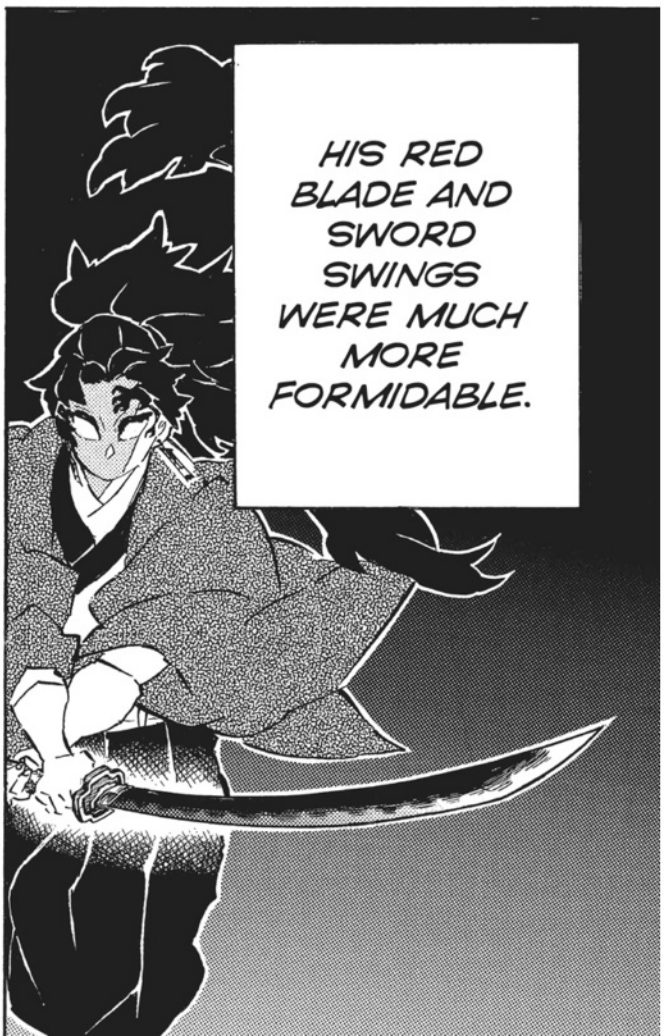
WHICH MEANS HE OPENED THE DOOR ON THE BRINK OF DEATH.

HOW-EVER...


...IT'S NOT ENOUGH.
...BE HIS EQUAL.
YOU WILL NEVER...

WSH




HIS RED BLADE AND SWORD SWINGS WERE MUCH MORE FORMIDABLE.

DRAGON SUN HALO HEAD DANCE!
FIRE WHEEL!
HIS BRAINS AND HEARTS ARE MOVING ALL OVER...
...AND HIS ATTACKS ARE HOLDING ME BACK SO I CAN'T REACH HIS TORSO!
I FINALLY ...
... CONNECTED SIX OF THE FORMS.
I'M HALFWAY THERE!

THE INTENSE PACE IS MAKING MY LUNGS HEAVE...
...AND MY LIMBS HURT LIKE THEY MIGHT RIP OFF.
AND MY HEART FEELS LIKE IT COULD BURST.
THERE'S ONE HOUR UNTIL DAWN.
ONE HOUR...
SHU
MP
SHI
!!
WHAP
WHAP

CONCENTRATE! DON'T THINK ABOUT ANYTHING BUT THIS VERY SECOND!
MY BLADE SLOWS... MY LIMBS SLOW...

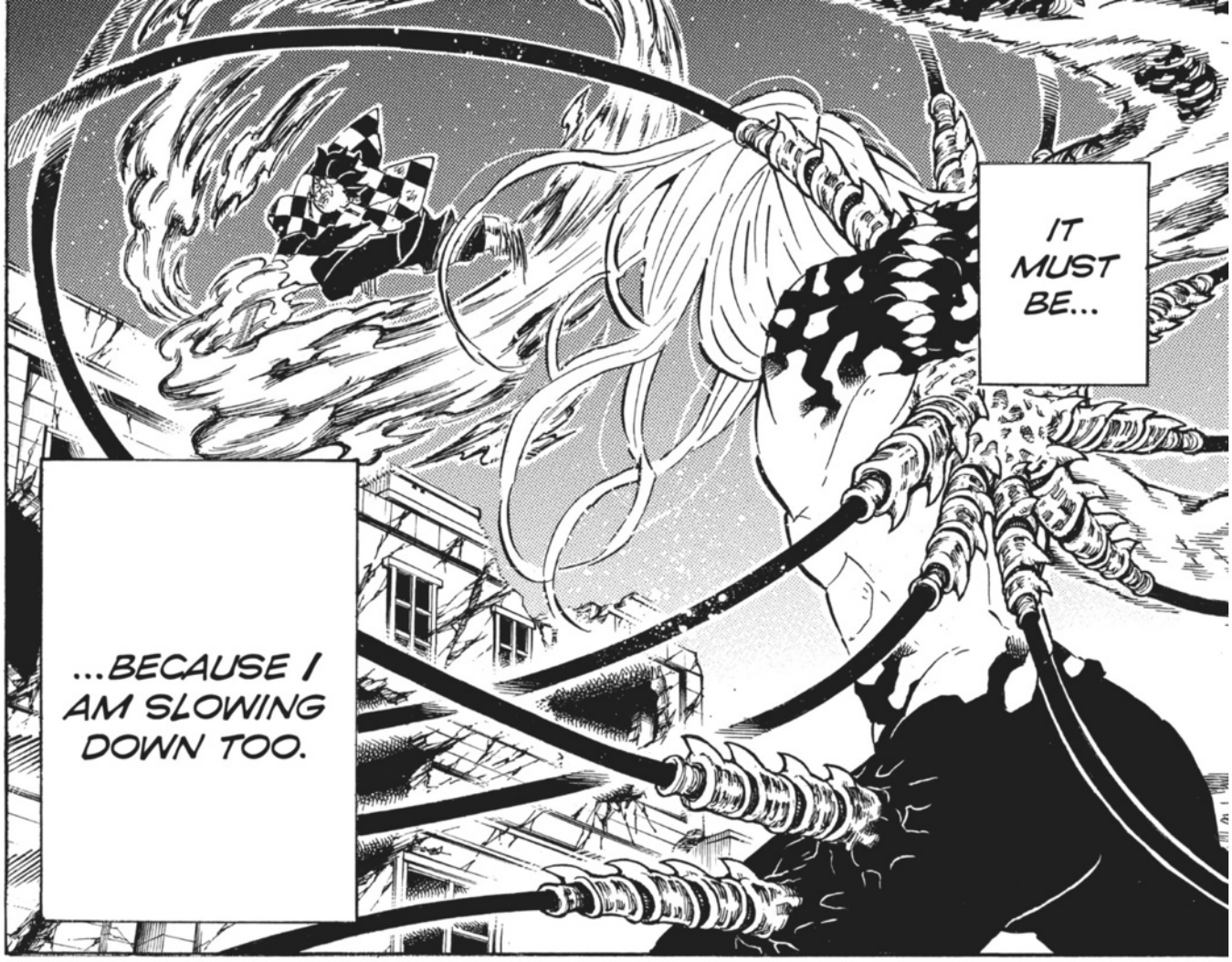
...OVER AND OVER UNTIL DAWN BREAKS.
JUST CONNECT ONE SECOND... TO THE NEXT...

FAKE RAINBOW!
BURNING BONES, SUMMER SUN!

HIS TECHNIQUES ARE LOSING ACCURACY.
AND HIS RED BLADE WILL SOON REVERT TO NORMAL.
YET ANOTHER WARRIOR PRESENTS LITTLE CHALLENGE.
THUS HE WILL NEVER REPRO-DUCE THE TECHNIQUE ...
...THAT HE USED.
BW
O
M

WHIP
WHIP
THUD
?
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM

HIS MOVEMENT LACKS VITALITY. HE'S SLOW.
MOVEMENT EXHAUSTS HUMAN BEINGS AND WEIGHS ON THEM LIKE SHACKLES.
?
WHAT'S WRONG?
...FINISH OFF ONE EXHAUSTED AND WOUNDED HUMAN?
SO WHY CAN I NOT...

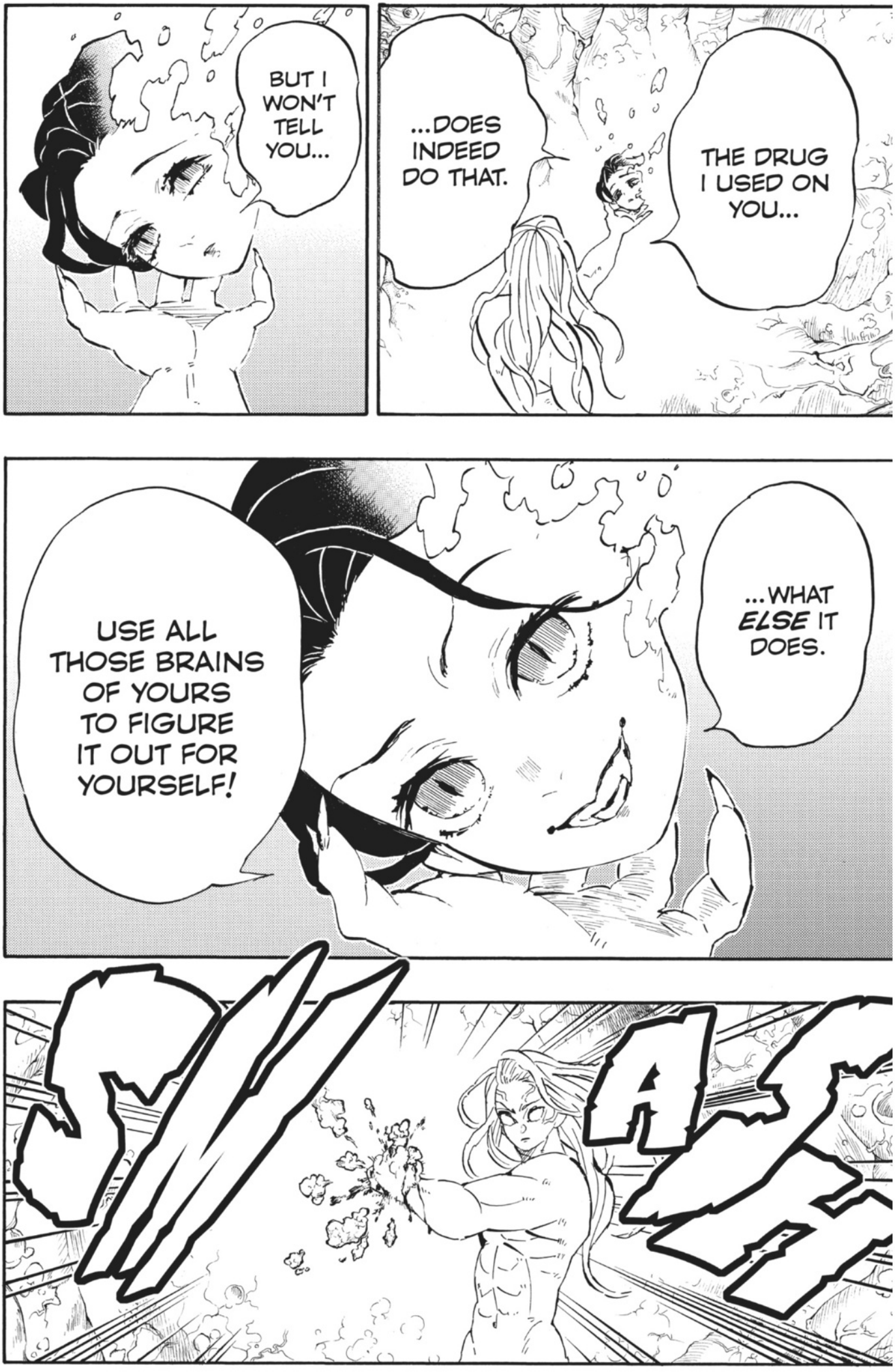

IT MUST BE...
...BECAUSE I AM SLOWING DOWN TOO.

I MUST NOT FAIL A SECOND TIME TO KILL HIM.
OTHERWISE, A ONE-ON-ONE FIGHT WOULD NEVER HAVE LASTED THIS LONG.

I INGESTED TAMAYO'S CELLS, SO I'LL MAKE HER TELL ME.
THAT WOMAN MUST HAVE DONE THIS.

WW

THE DRUG YOU USED ON ME... WASN'T IT FOR MAKING DEMONS HUMAN AGAIN?
WHAT DID YOU DO?

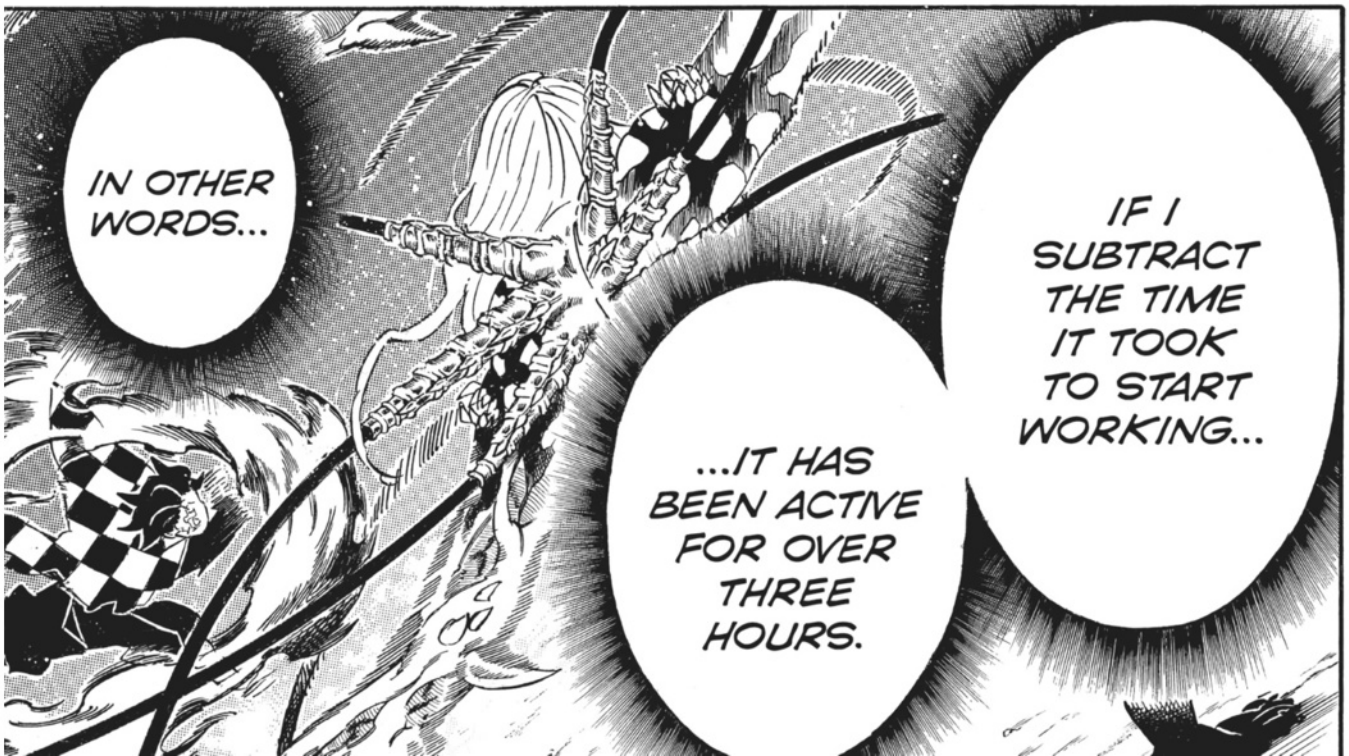

BUT I WON'T TELL YOU...
...DOES INDEED DO THAT.
THE DRUG I USED ON YOU...
USE ALL THOSE BRAINS OF YOURS TO FIGURE IT OUT FOR YOURSELF!
...WHAT *ELSE* IT DOES.
SLAP

I WILL READ THE MEMORY REMAINING IN HER CELLS.
THAT GIRL...
SHE'S THE HUMAN POISONER THAT DOMA ATE.
LET'S MIX TWO POISONS...
...ON THE ASSUMPTION HE CAN WITHSTAND ONE.
THE FIRST ONE MAKES DEMONS HUMAN AGAIN...
...BUT IF THAT DOESN'T WORK...
...LET'S ALSO INCLUDE SOMETHING THAT WILL HAVE AN EVEN GREATER EFFECT WHEN LEFT OVER.

FOR THE SECOND ONE, AN AGING POTION WOULD BE PERFECT.
AND THIS ONE THAT YOU MADE WILL AGE MUZAN 50 YEARS IN ONE MINUTE.
AGING!!
I SEE... I'M AGING!

MY BODY HAS BEEN DIVERTING STRENGTH TO FIGHT AGING.
THAT'S WHY I'M STRUGGLING AGAINST THE HASHIRA AND THIS FLAGGING DEMON SLAYER!

HOW MANY HOURS AGO DID TAMAYO GIVE ME THE DRUG?
FOUR HOURS... NO, ALMOST FIVE.


IF I SUBTRACT THE TIME IT TOOK TO START WORKING...
...IT HAS BEEN ACTIVE FOR OVER THREE HOURS.
IN OTHER WORDS...

...I'VE AGED 9,000 YEARS!!

KAWWW!
FIFTY-NINE MINUTES UNTIL DAWN!!

I SHOULD HAVE NOTICED SOONER WHEN THE COLOR DID NOT RETURN TO MY HAIR.

!

SOLAR HEAT HAZE!
SUN BREATH-ING
BENEFICENT RADIANCE!
CLEAR BLUE SKY!
FIRE WHEEL!

RAGING SUN!
FLAME DANCE!
FAKE RAIN-BOW!
STOP JUMPING AROUND!!
DANCE!
SETTING SUN TRANS-FORMA-TION!

DRAGON SUN HALO HEAD DANCE!
BURNING BONES, SUMMER SUN!
SUN-FLOWER THRUST!

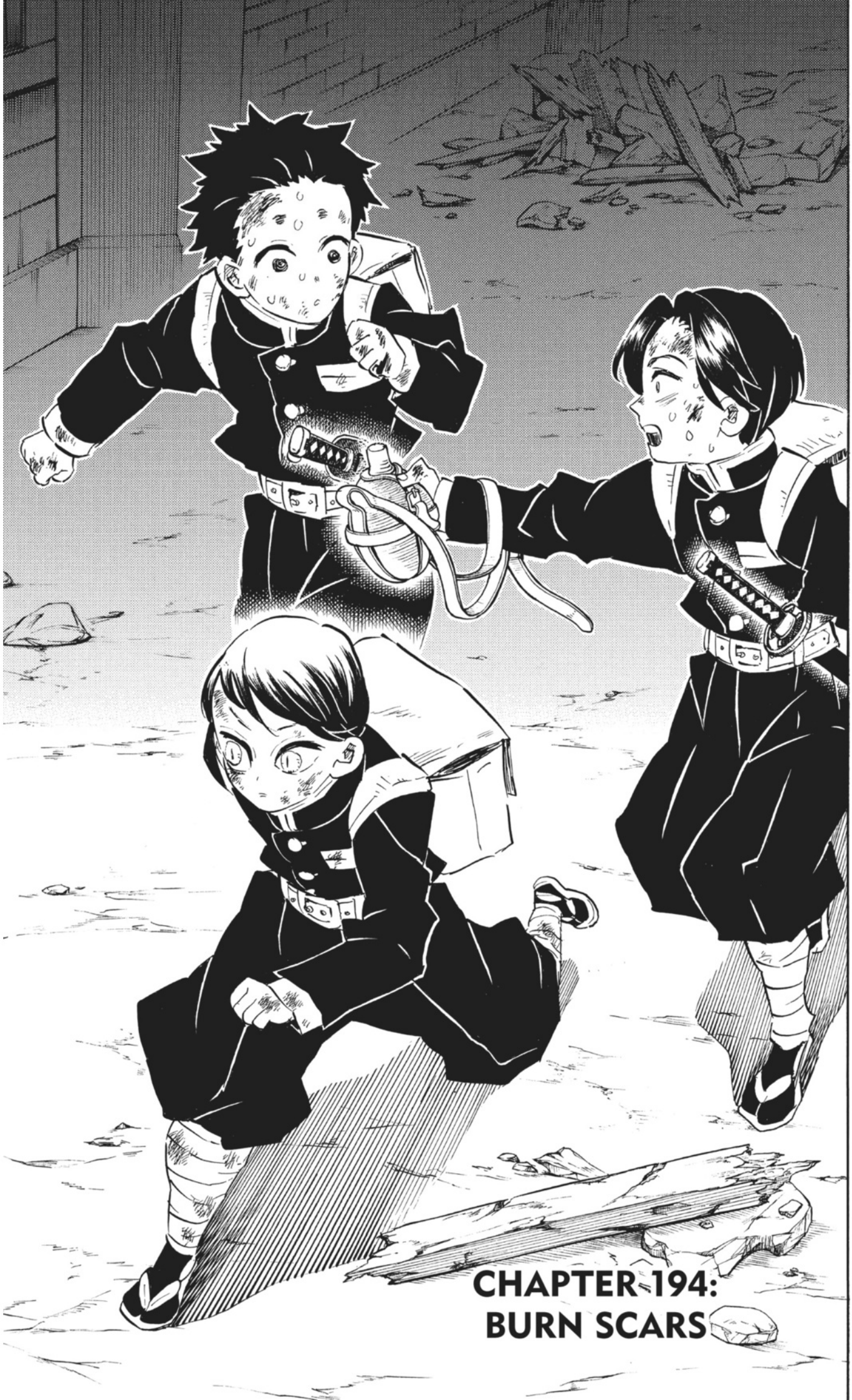
I CONNECTED ALL 12 FORMS!!
NOW FASTER! AND MORE ACCURATELY!
REPEAT THIS CYCLE OF 12 UNTIL DAWN!!

MUZAN'S ABILITIES

• Thin tubes: nine on his back (length: 4 m), fast, unpredictable movement

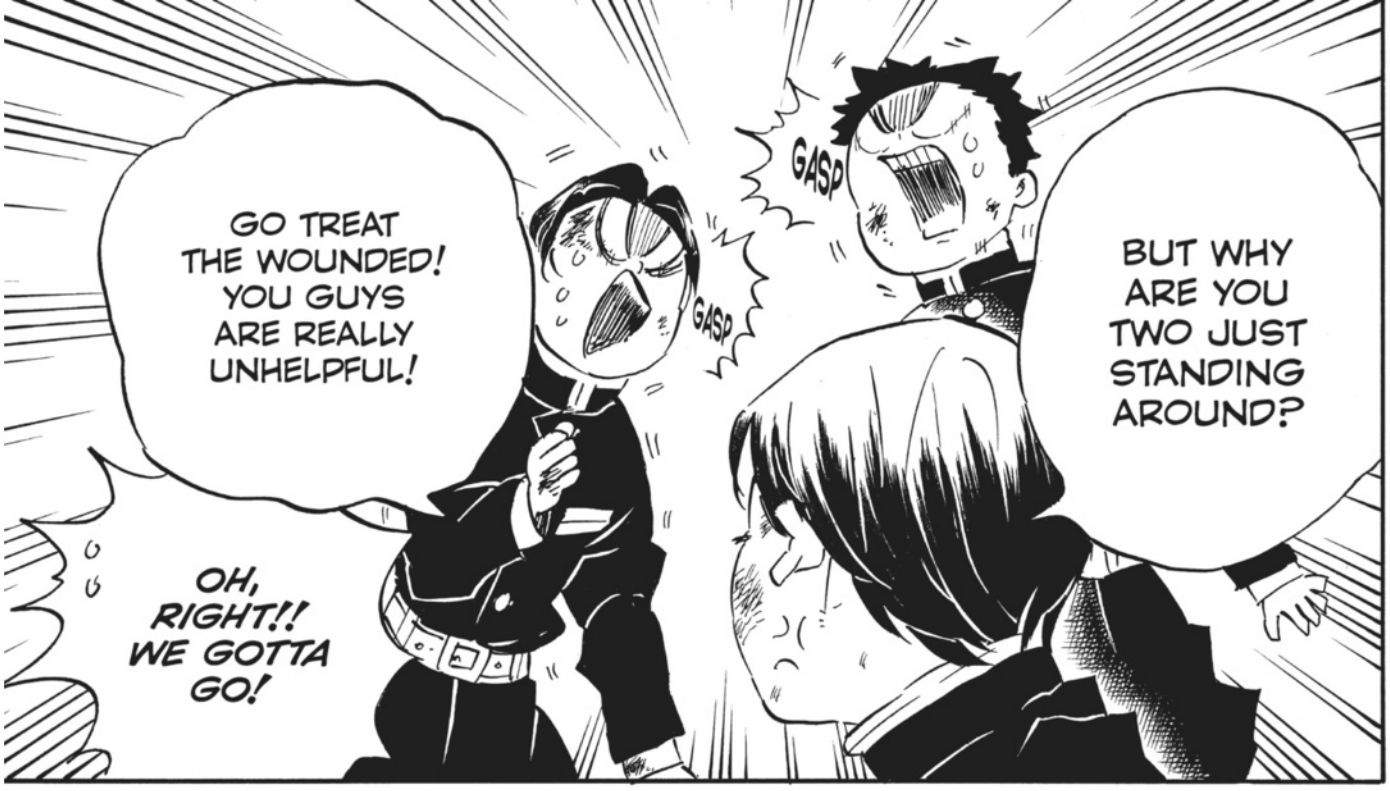
• Thin tubes: four in each thigh for a total of eight (length: 7 m), faster than the tubes on his back. Unlike his back tubes, they extend and retract. They attack from blind spots.

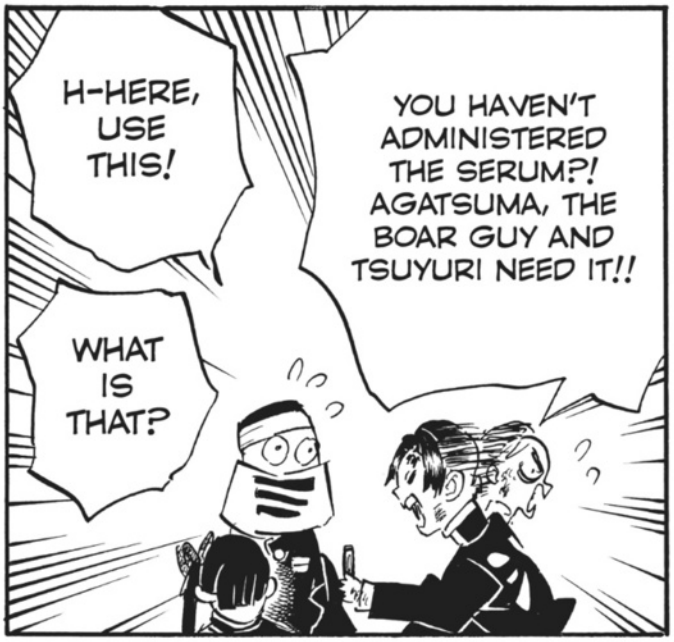
• Both arms can drastically lengthen and shorten (approx. 90 cm–10 m). Since they don't have a fixed shape or length, their attacks are hard to read. They also make it difficult for attackers to get in close. The inhalations from the many irregularly positioned mouths draw in nearby objects, clearing out a wide space. The size of the inhalations varies from moment to moment.



CHAPTER 194: BURN SCARS

TWITCH
KICK
FLOP
GRRR
CHACHA-MARU...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
I TURNED IT INTO A DEMON RIGHT BEFORE THE BIG BATTLE.
IS TH-THAT CAT A DEMON TOO? WOW...


GO TREAT THE WOUNDED! YOU GUYS ARE REALLY UNHELPFUL!
GASP
GASP
BUT WHY ARE YOU TWO JUST STANDING AROUND?
OH, RIGHT!! WE GOTTA GO!

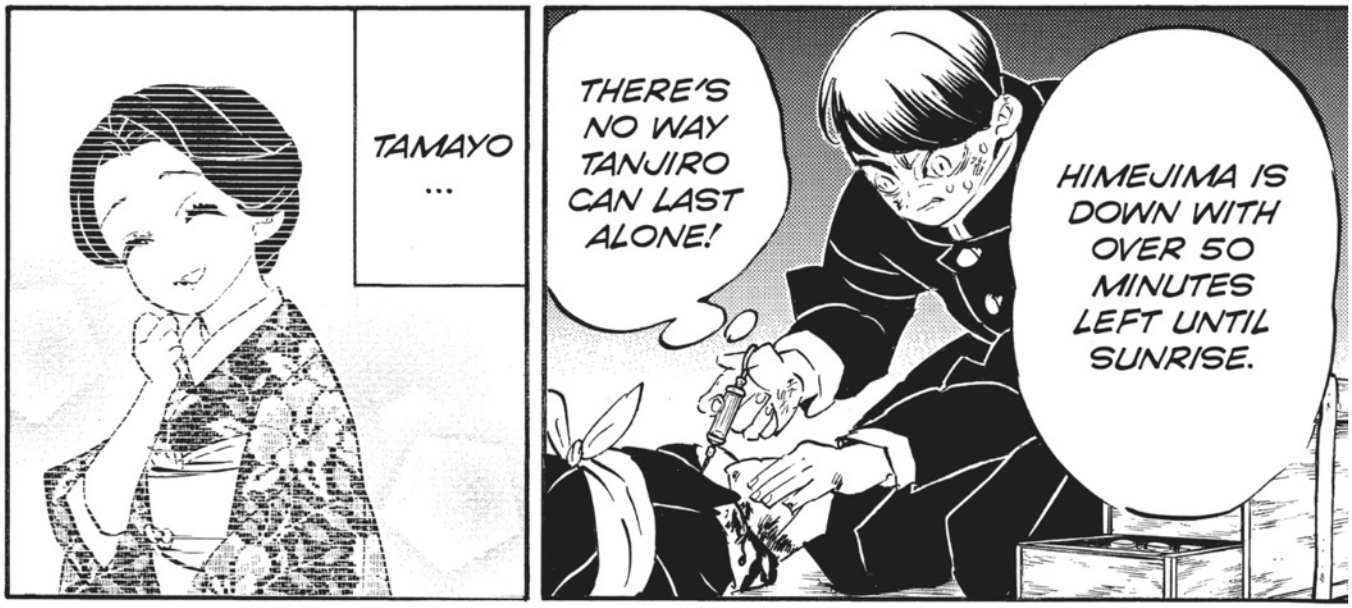

H-HERE, USE THIS!
YOU HAVEN'T ADMINISTERED THE SERUM?! AGATSUMA, THE BOAR GUY AND TSUYURI NEED IT!!
WHAT IS THAT?

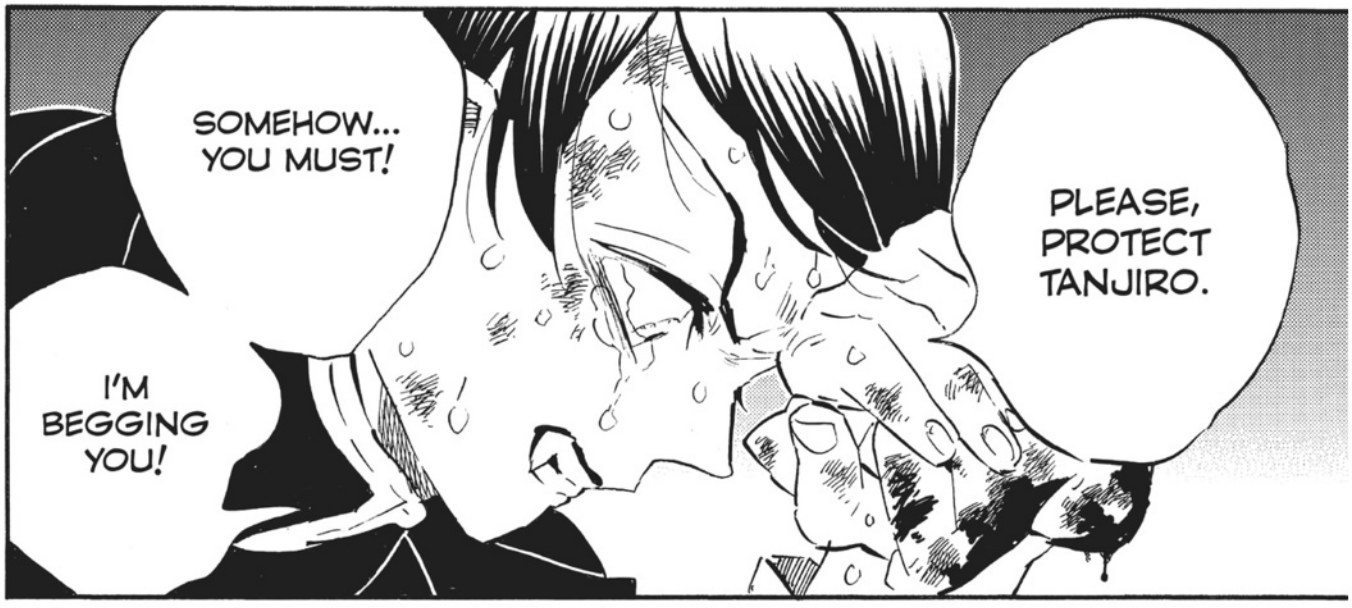
YOU NEED THE SERUM!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, BOAR GUY?!

OH NO... HIS LEG IS A MESS....

...CAN YOU HEAR ME?!
HIMEJIMA...

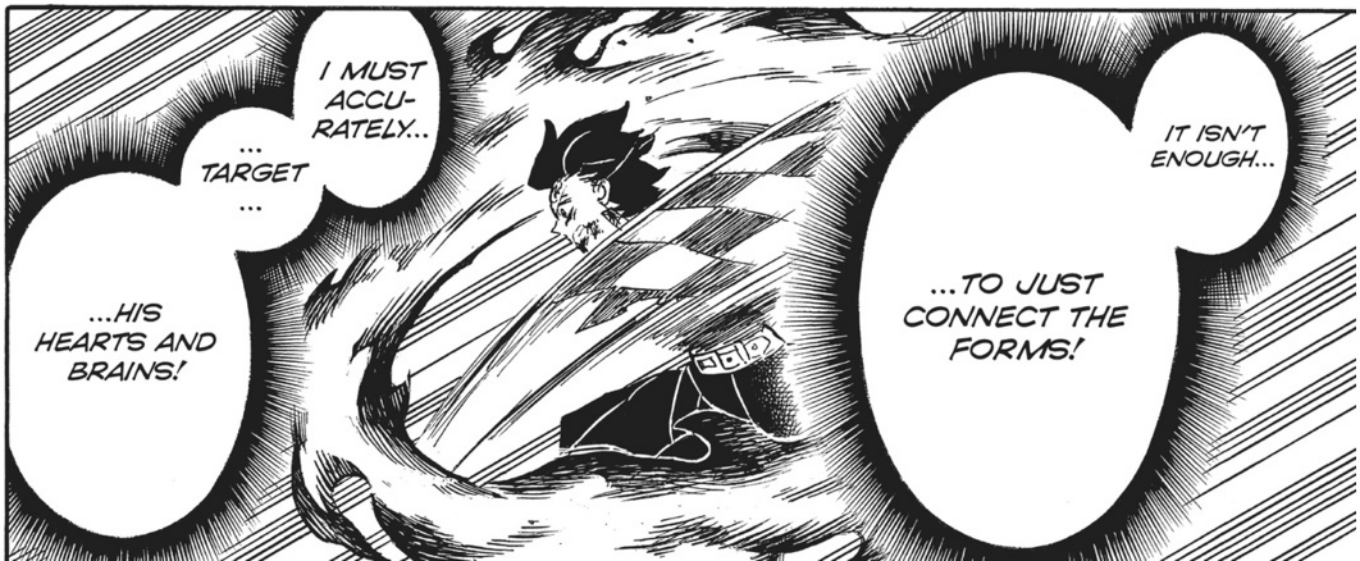
BWMP
BWMP
EVEN IF HE REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS...
...BLOOD LOSS AND LACK OF EQUILIBIRUM...
...WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO FIGHT.
BWMP

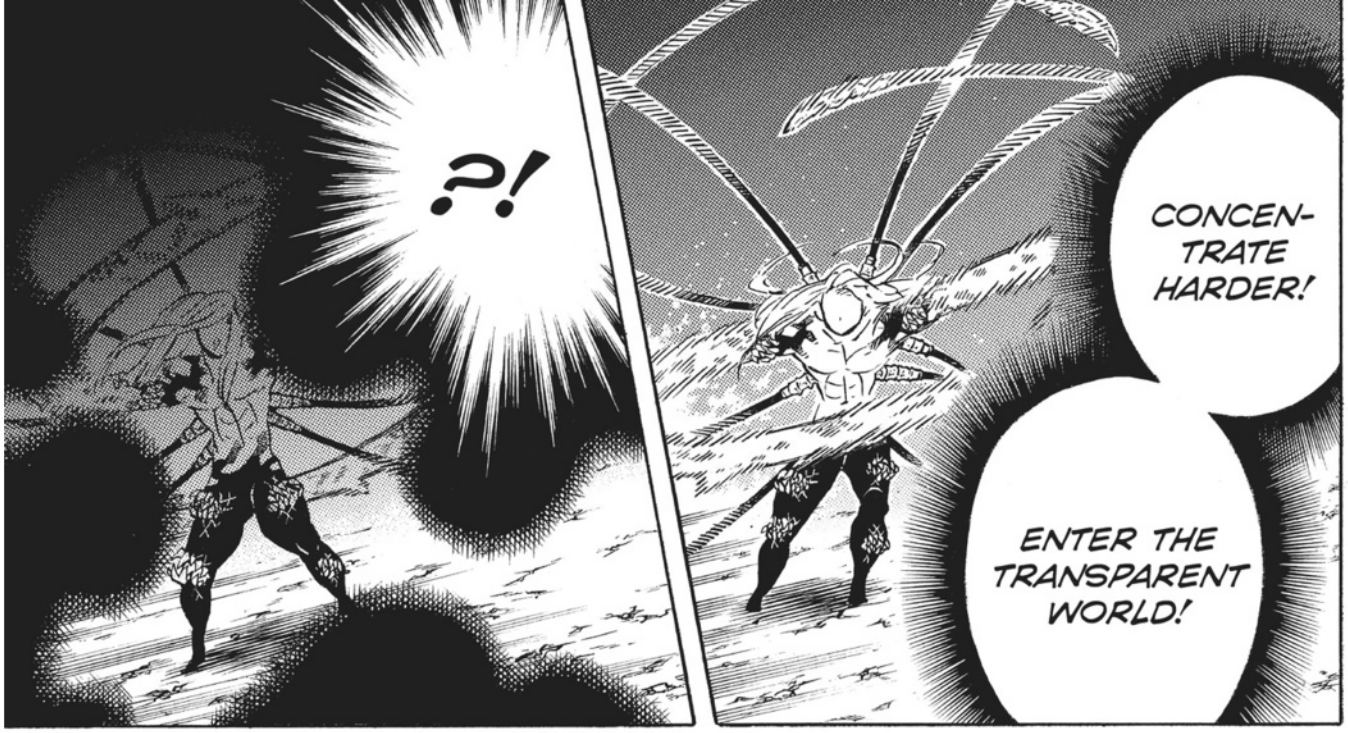

TAMAYO ...
HIMEJIMA IS DOWN WITH OVER 50 MINUTES LEFT UNTIL SUNRISE.
THERE'S NO WAY TANJIRO CAN LAST ALONE!


PLEASE, PROTECT TANJIRO.
SOMEHOW... YOU MUST!
I'M BEGGING YOU!

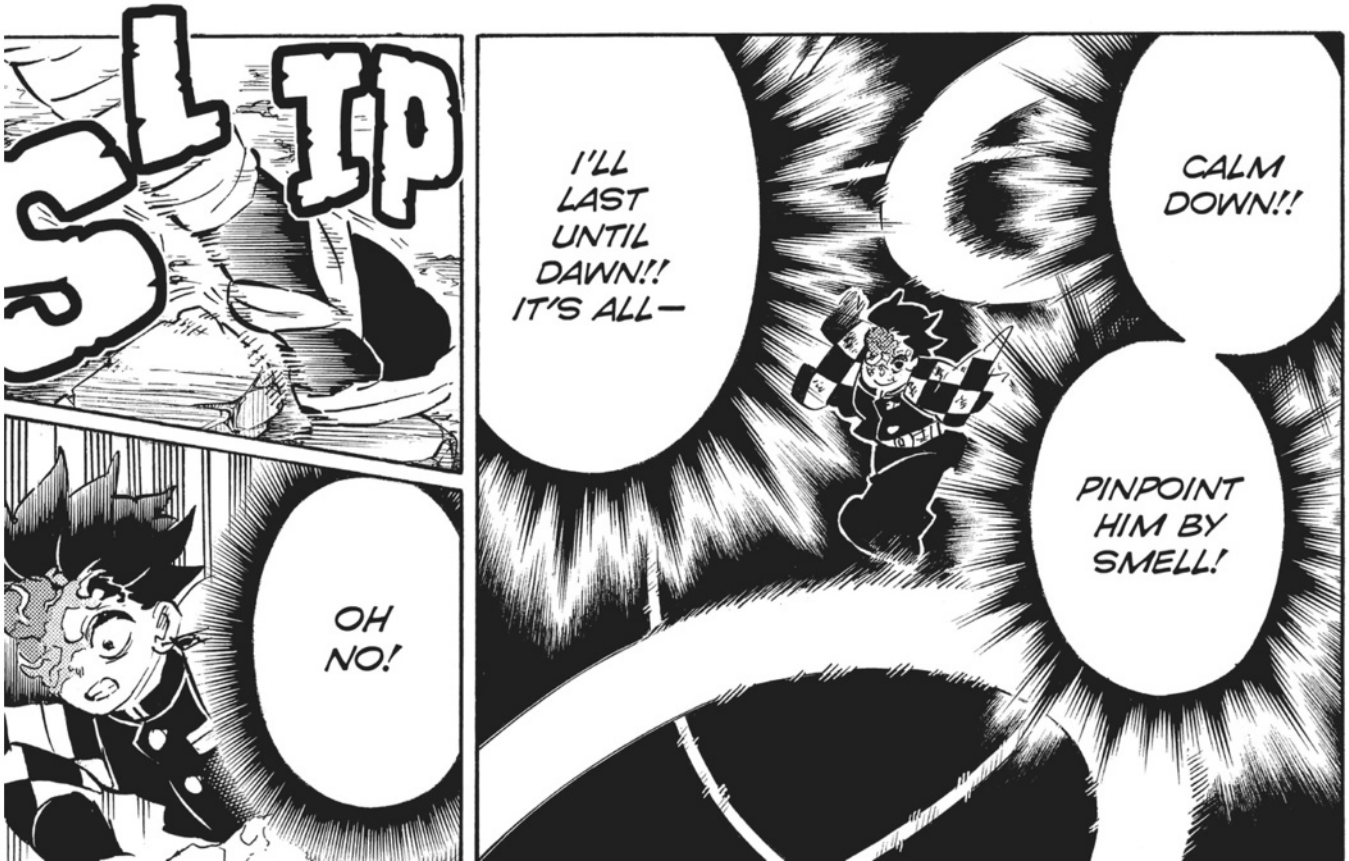
NI-NG

FLASH
BANG
WS


I MUST ACCU-
...
TARGET
...
...HIS HEARTS AND BRAINS!
IT ISN'T ENOUGH...
...TO JUST CONNECT THE FORMS!


?!
CONCEN-
TRATE
HARDER!
ENTER THE
TRANSPARENT
WORLD!

I'M NOT
GETTING
ENOUGH
OXYGEN!!
I CAN'T
SEE!!


SLIP
OH
NO!
I'LL
LAST
UNTIL
DAWN!!
IT'S ALL—
CALM
DOWN!!
PINPOINT
HIM BY
SMELL!

KRAK
KRAK
SOMEONE SAVED ME!!
THAT SMELL...
WHY WON'T YOU DIE?!
...
MY VISION IS RETURN-ING...
THAT PATTERN IS...
WHEEZ
WHEEZ
IGURO ?!

IGURO! YOUR EYES!!
DID YOU GET INJURED HELPING ME?
NO! IT HAPPENED EARLIER!
SHUT UP AND QUIT WORRYING ABOUT OTHERS!
KABOOM

IGURO, I'LL BACK YOU UP!
MY RIGHT EYE WAS ALWAYS BAD ANYWAY! I COULD BARELY SEE OUT OF IT!
I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP.
I HAVE KABURA-MARU!
KABURA-MARU...
HISSS
!!
OKAY, THANKS.
YOU'VE RECOVERED? THEN I'LL LET YOU GO.

WAH
!!

ボカン

IGURO
!!
ZWF

BAM BAM BAM BAM
STOP !!
IS THAT DUMB ANIMAL...
IS THE SNAKE RELAYING INFORMATION TO HIM?
...READING MY ATTACKS ?!
TWITCH
H-SSSSSS

...I SHOULD BE ABLE TO KILL A SERIOUSLY WOUNDED HUMAN BEING IN AN INSTANT.
EVEN IF HE TRAINED IN EXPECTATION OF LOSING BODY PARTS...

...AND RECOVERING FROM IT IS SAPPING MY STRENGTH!
I STILL HAVEN'T ADAPTED...
IT'S THE AGING POTION.

CRASH
EVERYONE'S ATTACKS HAVE WEAKENED MUZAN.
HIS SCENT IS GRADUALLY CHANGING...
...BUT HE'S STILL STRONG!!
IT'S ALL I CAN DO TO AVOID OXYGEN DEPRIVATION...
...SO I CAN'T ENTER THE TRANSPARENT WORLD!
EVEN AT TWO AGAINST ONE, THIS IS HARD!!
I HAVE TO BREAK FREE OF THIS SITUATION SOMEHOW!
IGURO HAS HELPED ME MANY TIMES...
...SO I NEED TO HELP HIM!
?
WHAT'S THAT?
MUZAN'S BODY IS CHANGING.

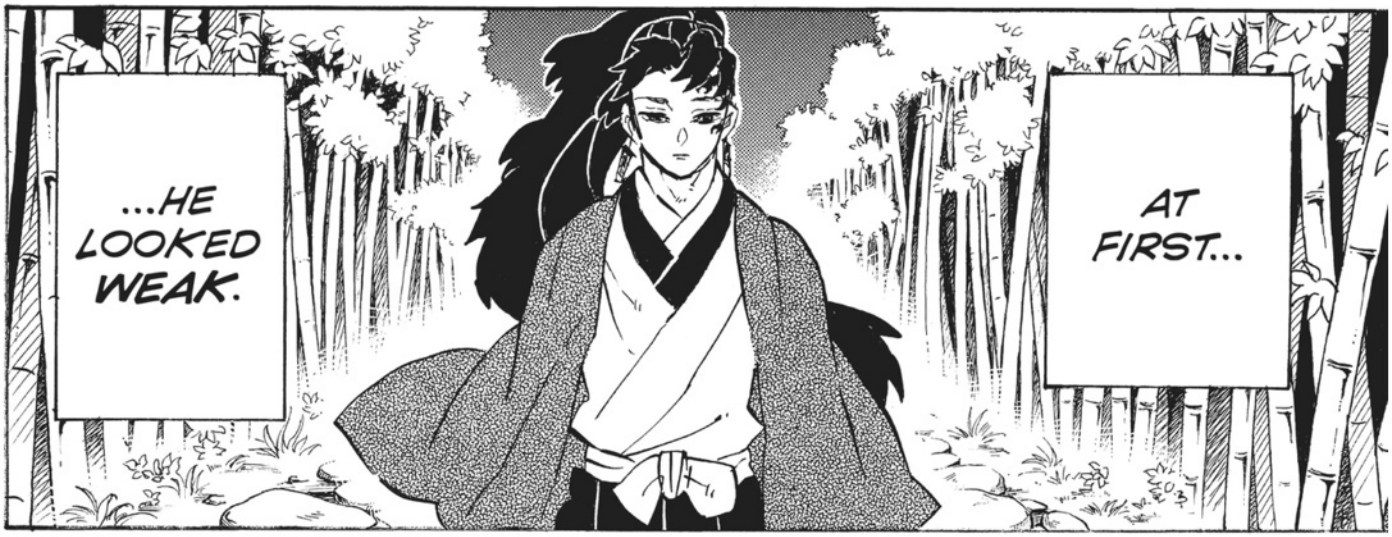
OH, I GET IT...
TING
THEY LOOK OLD...
ARE THOSE SCARS?
YORIICHI SCARRED MUZAN AT A CELLULAR LEVEL.
DESPITE HUNDREDS OF YEARS, MUZAN NEVER RECOVERED.
YORIICHI MADE THOSE WOUNDS.
EVEN NOW, YORIICHI IS SHOWING US THE WAY!
THOSE ARE MUZAN'S WEAK SPOTS!!

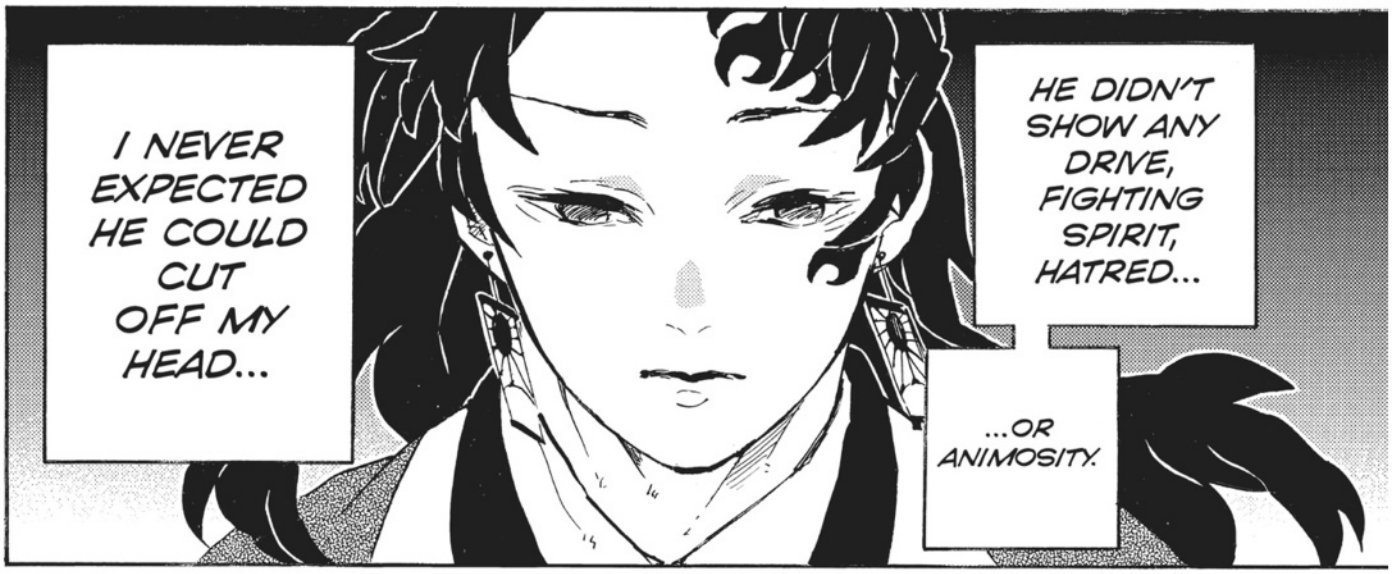
Taisho Whispers

Despite the lack of time while developing the drug, Tamayo managed to turn the cat Chachamaru into a demon. She felt sorry that Chachamaru couldn't choose to become a demon of its own free will, but this way Yushiro wouldn't be alone and feel as lonely.

Handsome Cat

CHAPTER 195: BEWILDERMENT


...HE LOOKED WEAK.
AT FIRST...


I NEVER EXPECTED HE COULD CUT OFF MY HEAD...
HE DIDN'T SHOW ANY DRIVE, FIGHTING SPIRIT, HATRED...
...OR ANIMOSITY.

...THAT WOULD CONTINUE TO BURN MY FLESH, MY VERY CELLS LIKE SUNLIGHT FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS.
...OR WOUND ME IN A WAY...

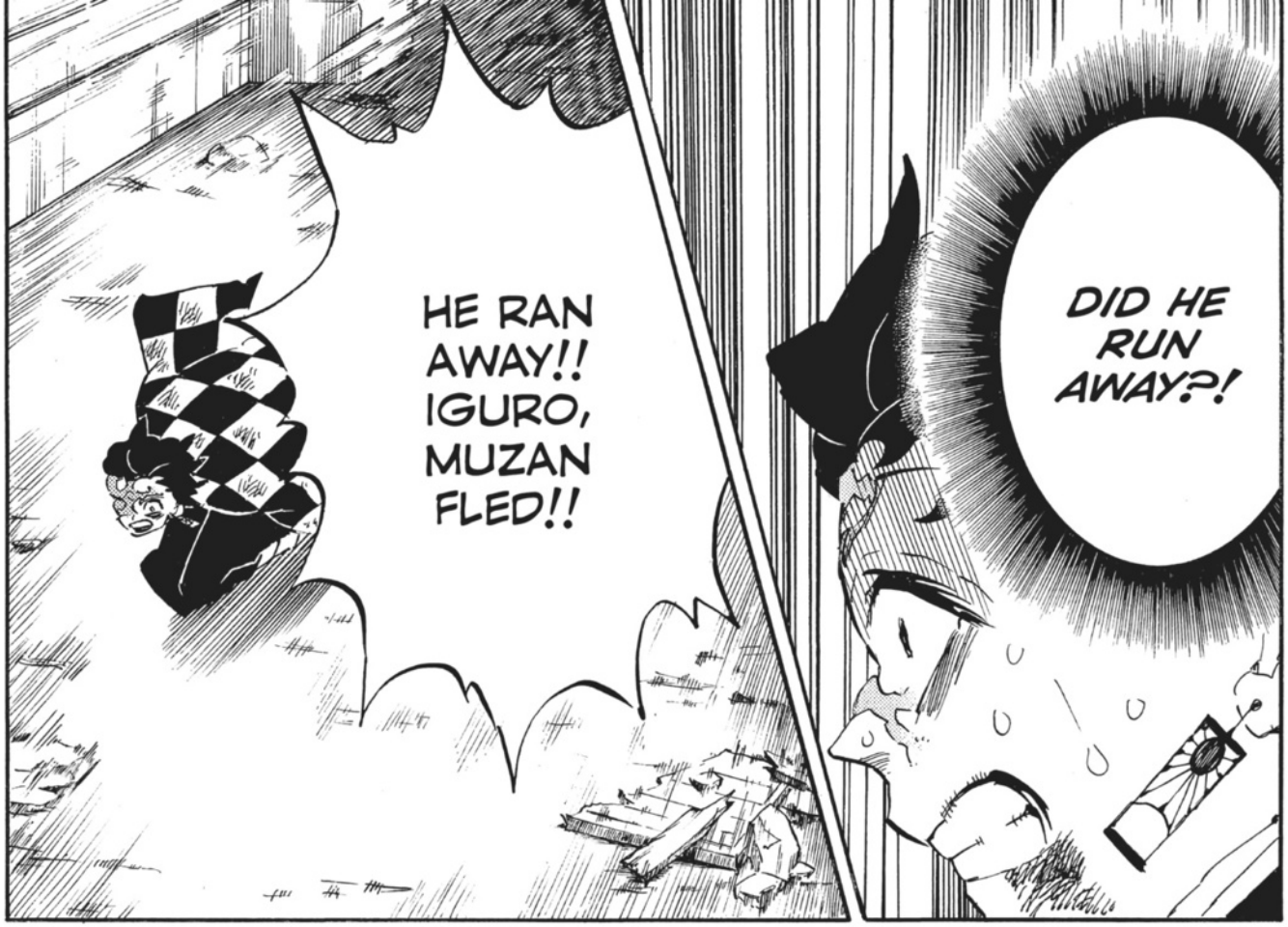
IT WAS LIKE A RIDICULOUS MYTH.
NOT EVEN GOD OR BUDDHA WOULD HAVE EXPECTED IT.

...WAS HIM...
BUT THE REAL MONSTER...

...AND NOT ME!!

MUZAN CAN'T HIDE HIS WOUNDS ANYMORE!
HE'S CLEARLY WEAKEN-ING!
HE CAN'T MASK THEM!
THEY ALL...
...DID THIS TOGETHER!
THE OTHERS BOUGHT PRECIOUS TIME...
...PUSHING HIM INTO THIS CORNER!
SO I MUST DEFEAT HIM!
I WILL SEE THIS THROUGH TO THE END!

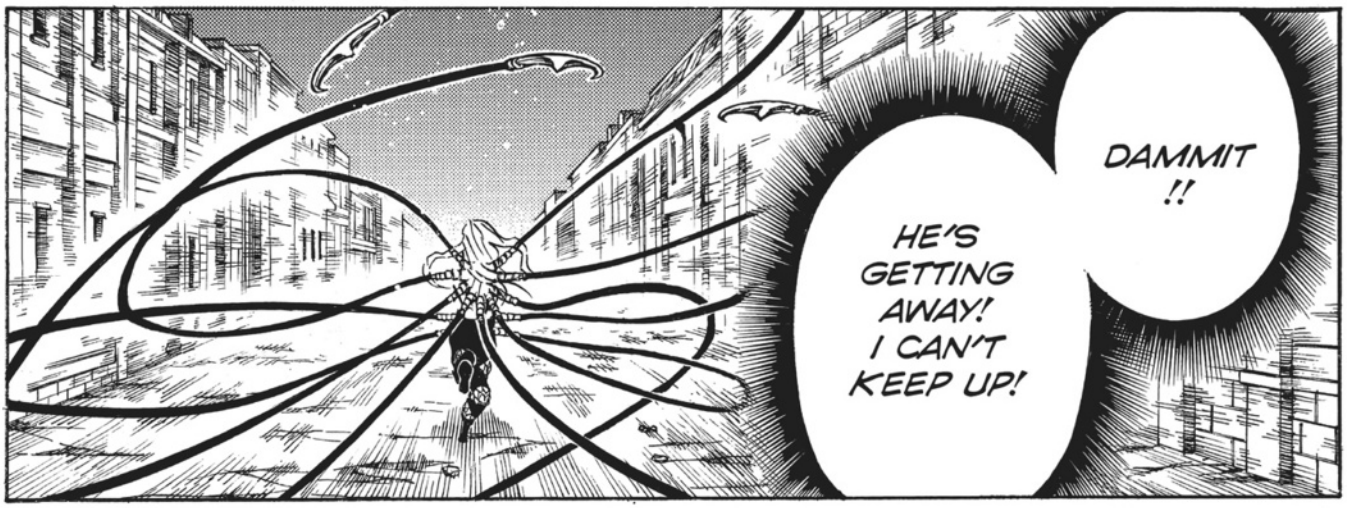
EVEN IF HIS CONSTANT ATTACKS PREVENT ME FROM ENTERING THE TRANSPARENT WORLD, I CAN STILL AIM FOR HIS VITALS!
HIS WOUNDS ARE MOVING!! THAT MUST BE WHERE HIS HEARTS AND BRAINS ARE!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
KABURAMARU CAN ONLY HELP SO MUCH!
BUT I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IGURO'S EYES!!
FORTY MINUTES UNTIL DAWN!!
OH, RIGHT! THOSE EYES!!
YUSHIRO'S EYES!! IF I PICK THOSE UP...


DID HE RUN AWAY?!
HE RAN AWAY!! IGURO, MUZAN FLED!!

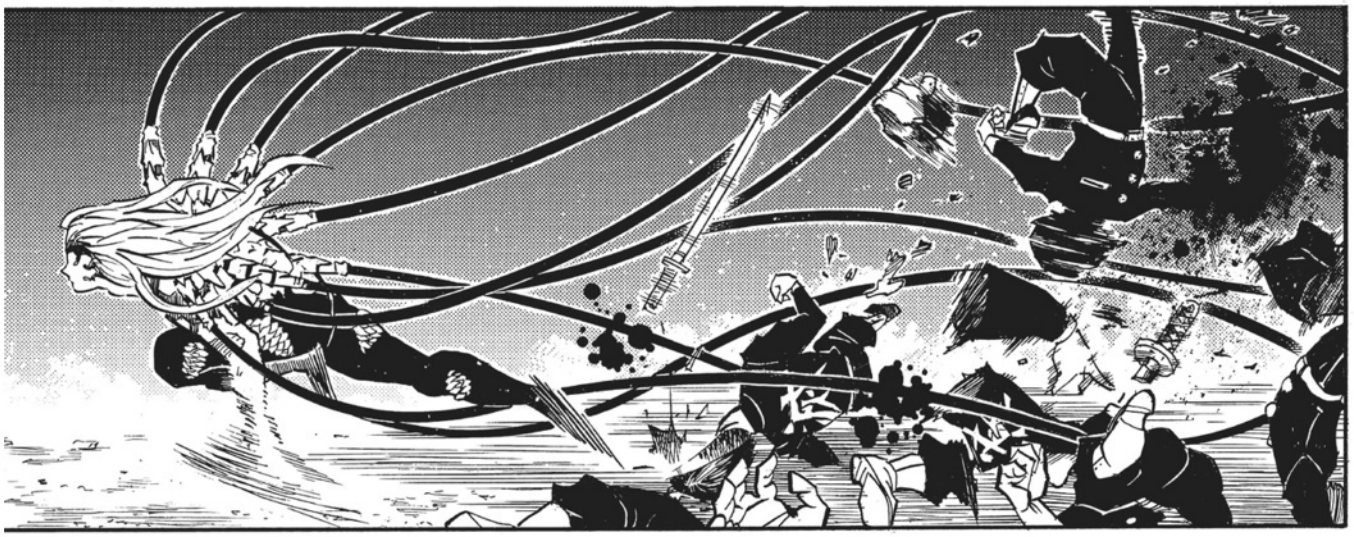
?!
HE WANTS TO ESCAPE!!

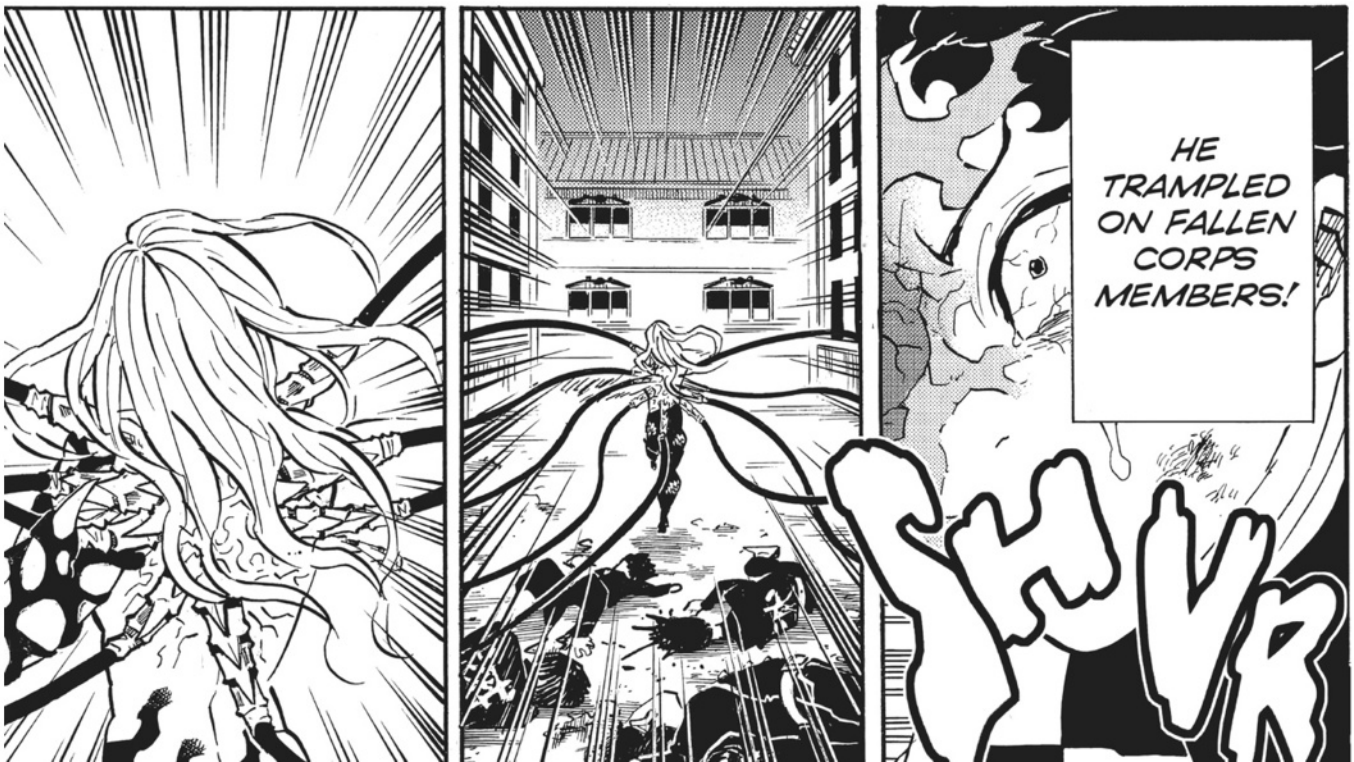
OF COURSE!
MUZAN ISN'T A SAMURAI WITH PRIDE...
...OR A HUMAN BEING WHO ACTS ON EMOTION!

HE'S A THING THAT ONLY CLINGS TO LIFE!
AS DAWN APPROACHES AND HIS LIFE IS THREATENED, HE WON'T HESITATE TO RUN!


DAMMIT !!
HE'S GETTING AWAY! I CAN'T KEEP UP!

NO!!
ARE WE GOING TO LOSE?! NOT LIKE THIS!
THEN EVERYONE WOULD HAVE DIED FOR NOTHING!!




HE TRAMPLED ON FALLEN CORPS MEMBERS!
GRR

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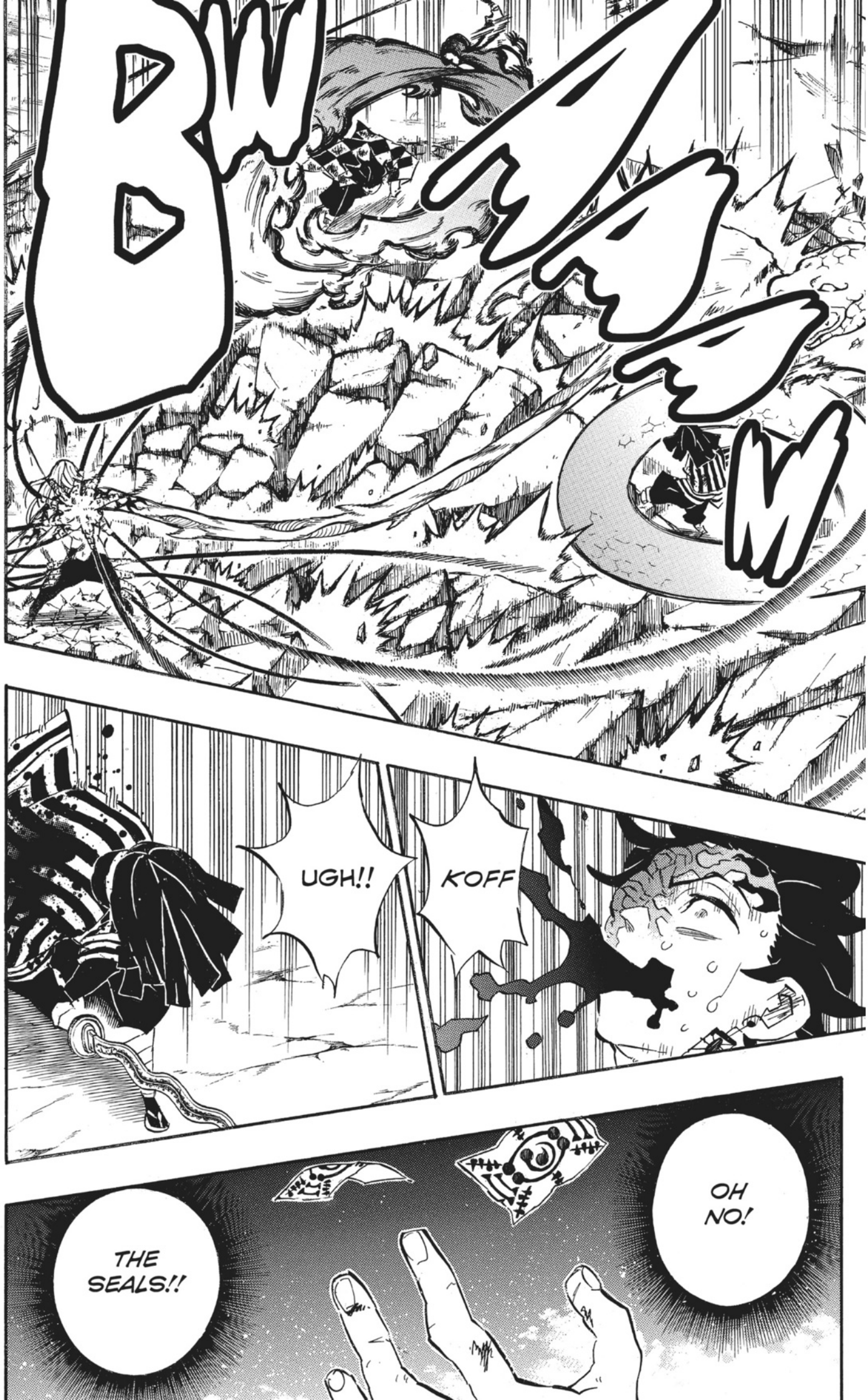
WHAT PESKY INSECTS!
I DRIVE THEM BACK, BUT THEY WON'T GO AWAY.
AND PIERCING ATTACKS ARE MORE DANGEROUS THAN SLASHES RIGHT NOW!

SHUN
WH

IGURO, HERE!
TAKE THESE !!
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SHARE KABURA-MARU'S SIGHT!


BW
UGH!!
KOFF
OH NO!
THE SEALS!!

IGURO! JUMP THREE LONG STRIDES TO THE RIGHT!!
WSH
!!
GET THEM, KABURA-MARU!!
I DON'T KNOW WHERE TANJIRO THREW THEM!
THEY'RE TOO SMALL!!

WHOOSH
WHAM
MUZAN WON'T GET AWAY!!
THANK YOU.
TANJIRO ...
!!

IT ISN'T LIKE HUMAN SIGHT, BUT I CAN SEE BETTER NOW!
SO FIGHTING IS MUCH EASIER!!
CATCH HIM BETWEEN US!!
MOVE TO CONSTANTLY BLOCK HIM OFF!
DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!
WE CAN STOP HIM TOGETHER !!
ALL RIGHT!!

HUFF
MOVE!
DON'T BLOCK MY WAY!
HUFF
THEY'RE SO PERSISTENT!
THEY NEVER GIVE UP!
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MY PHYSICAL STRENGTH WON'T LAST MUCH LONGER!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!!
I'M RUNNING OUT OF BREATH!!
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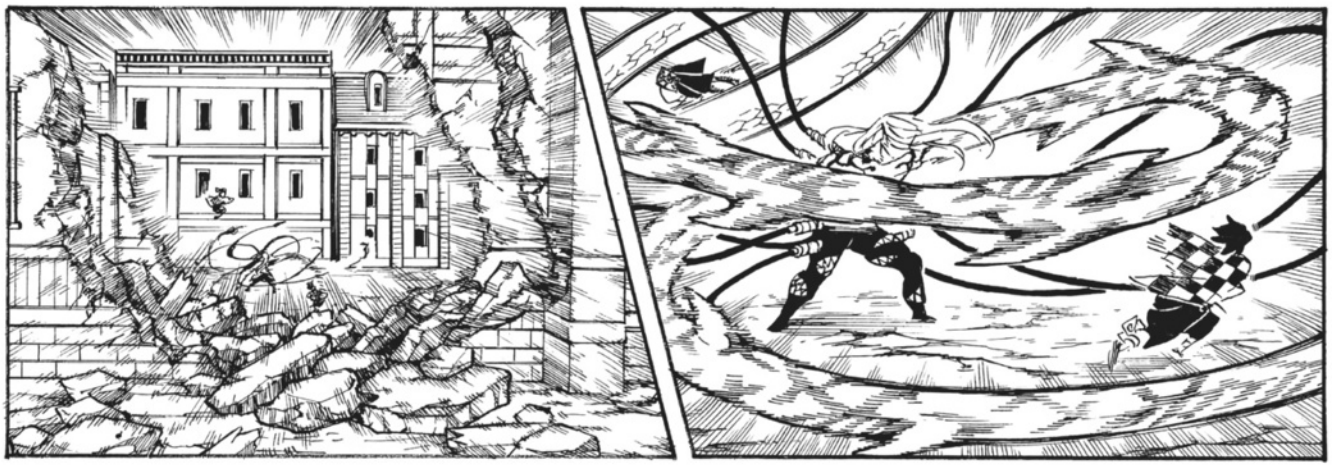

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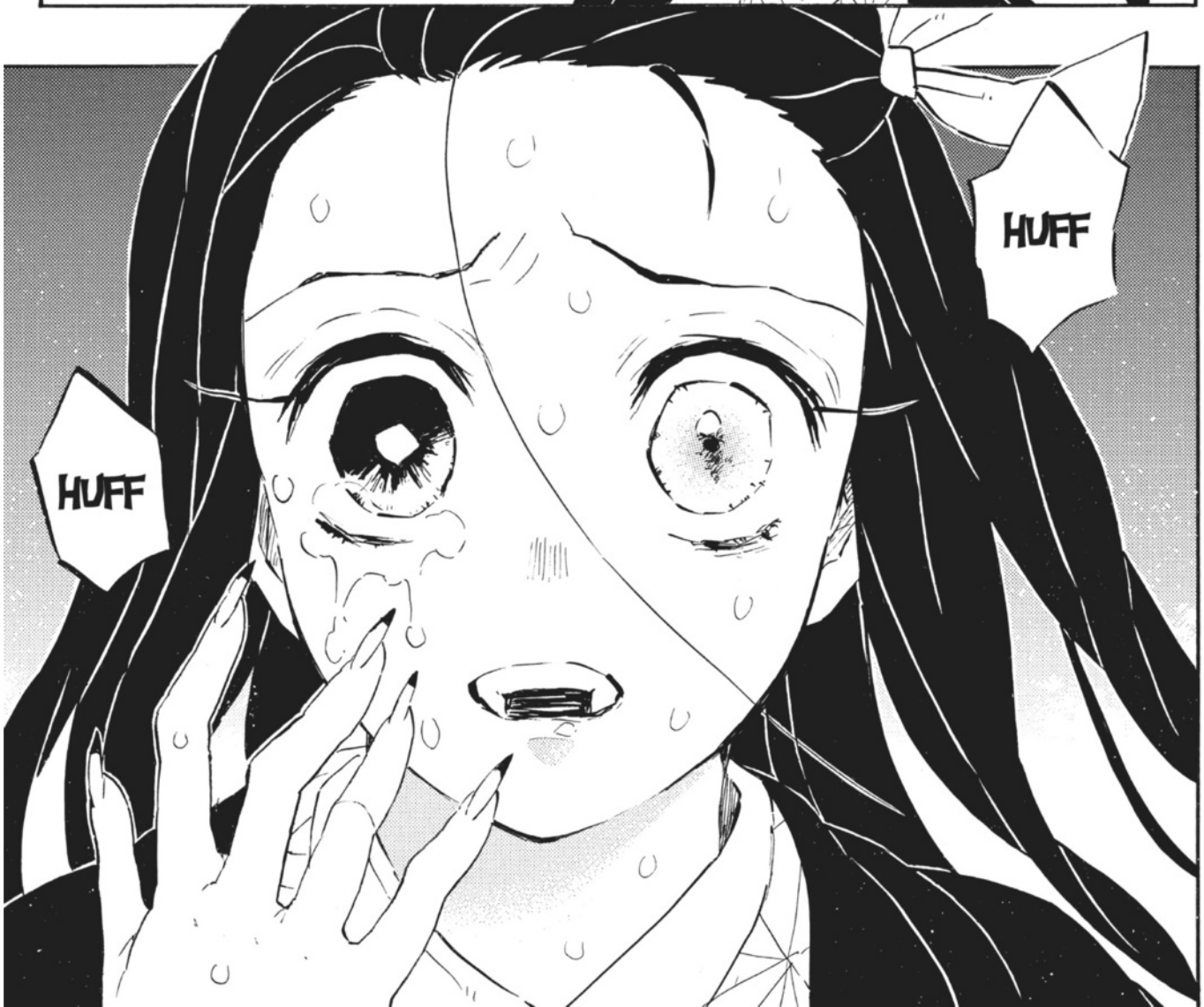
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WHY MUZAN MADE DEMONS

• To find someone capable of withstanding sunlight as a demon.

• To make upper-rank demons. Upper-rank demons are particularly difficult to create because they require a large amount of Muzan's blood, which destroys most recipients' cells. When upper-rank demons recruit people, they give them their own blood, but an upper-rank demon's blood doesn't have the ability to make demons. It sends their intention of making a demon to Muzan, and if Muzan approves, it changes into blood capable of making a demon. Only upper-rank demons can make such requests.

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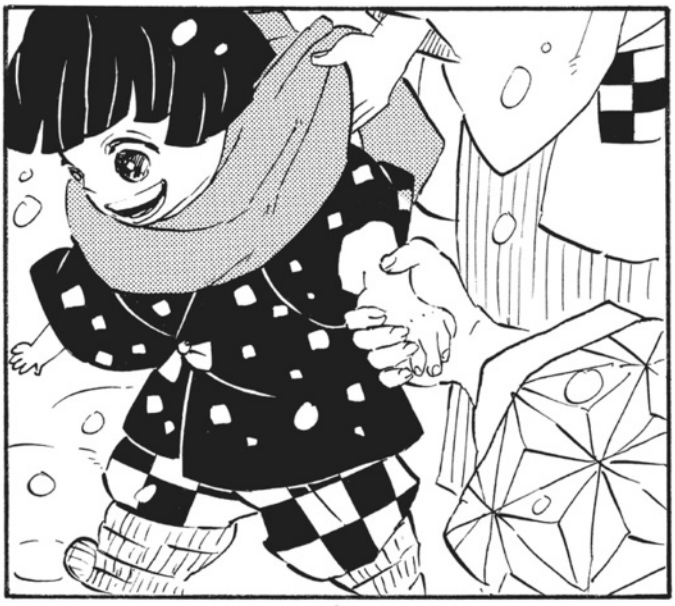

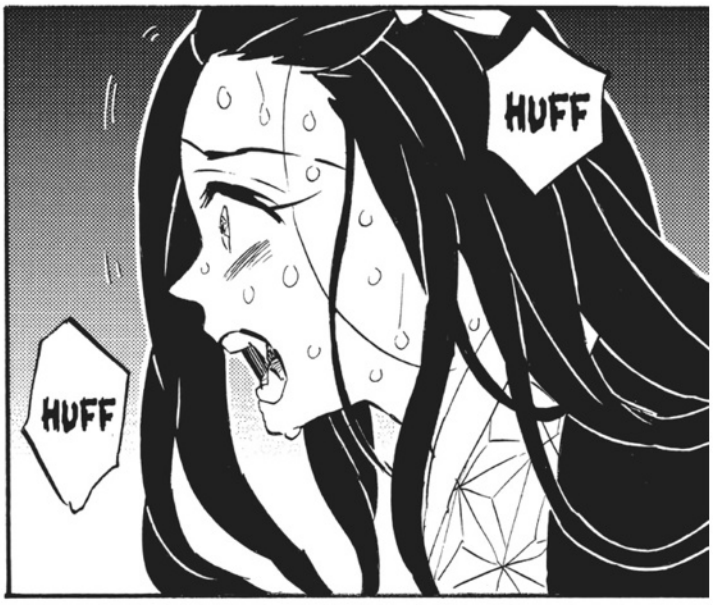
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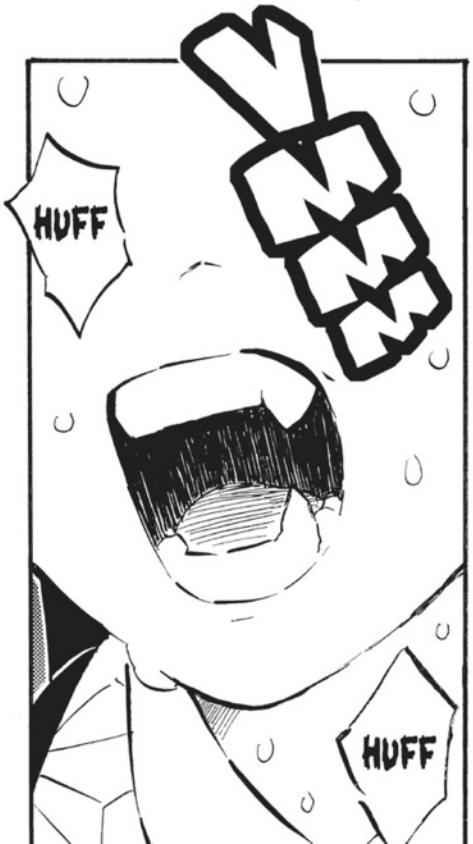
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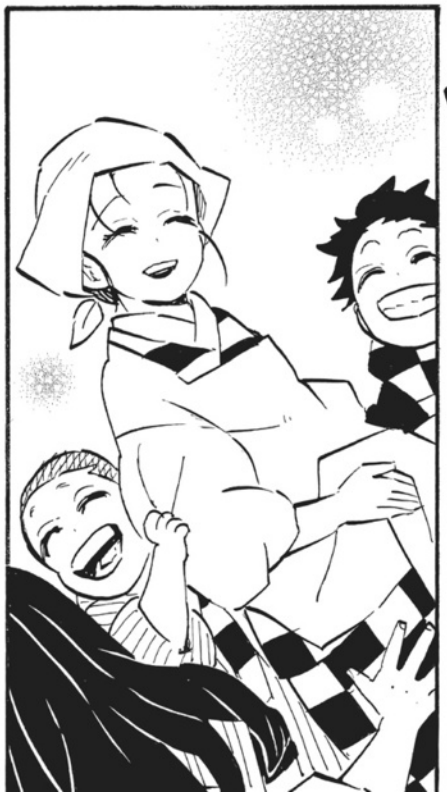

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PANG
RUN!
RUN, SIS!!

SO THEY DIE FROM AN INJECTION OF THIS MUCH BLOOD...
I CANNOT EASILY MAKE A DEMON...
...WHO CAN CONQUER THE SUN.
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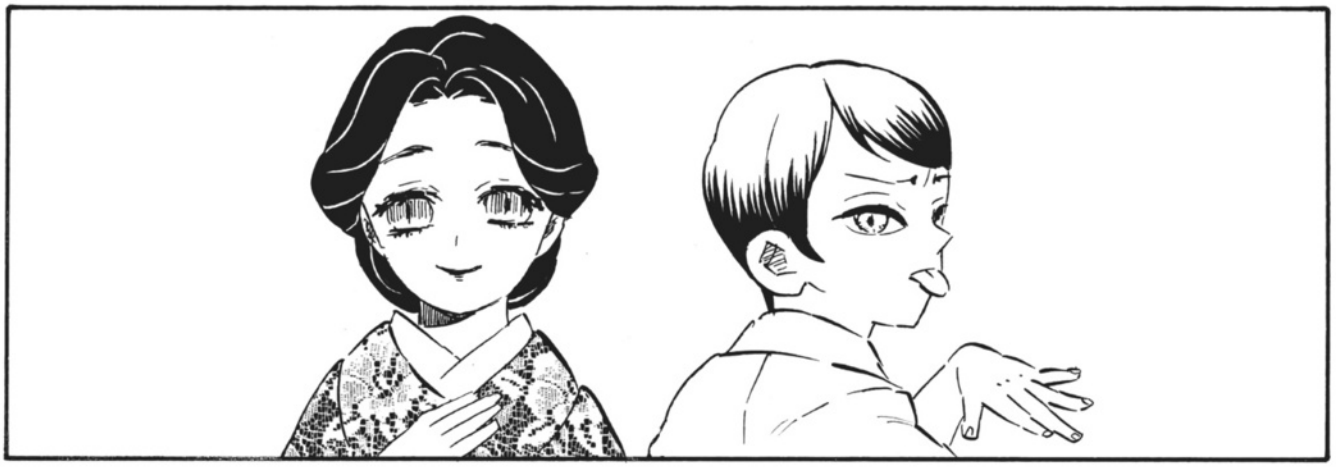

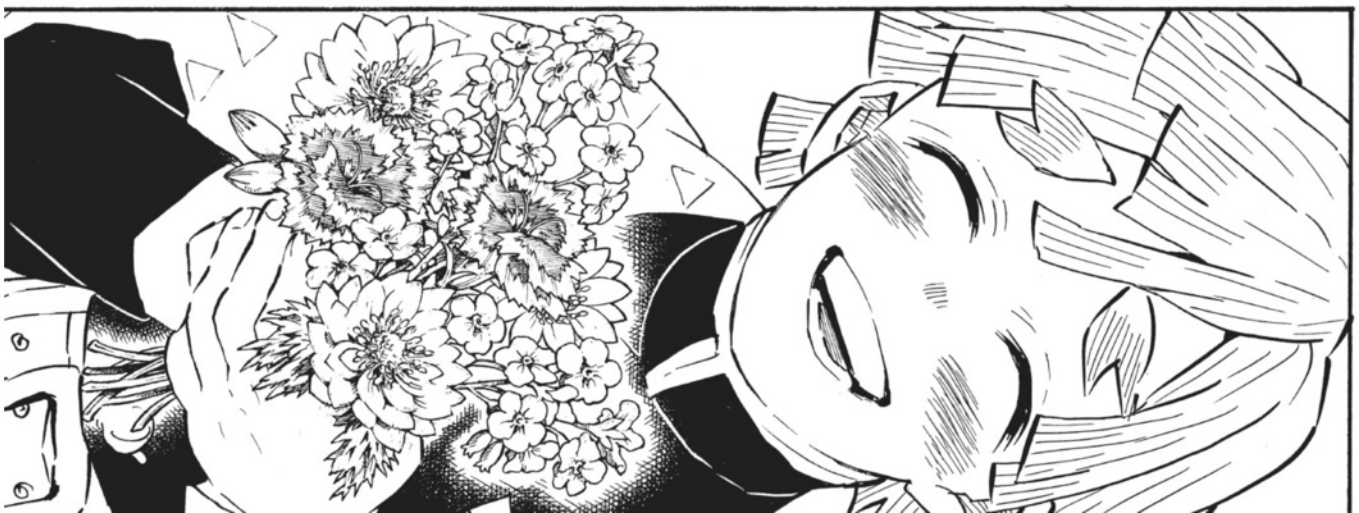

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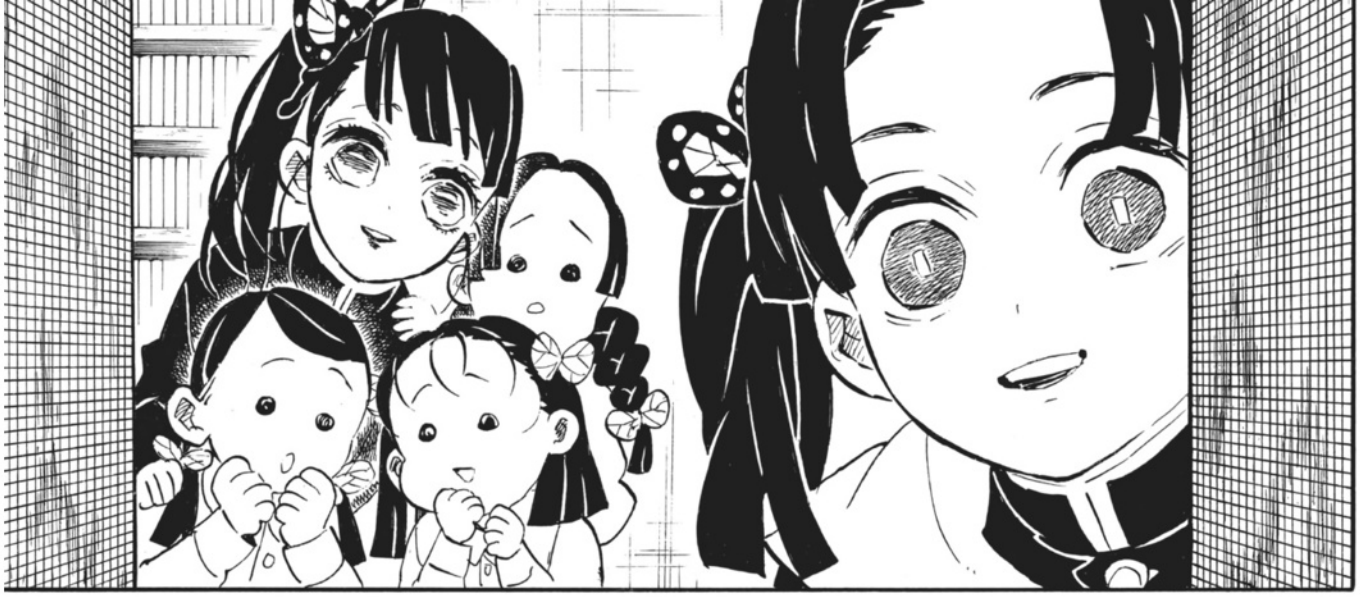

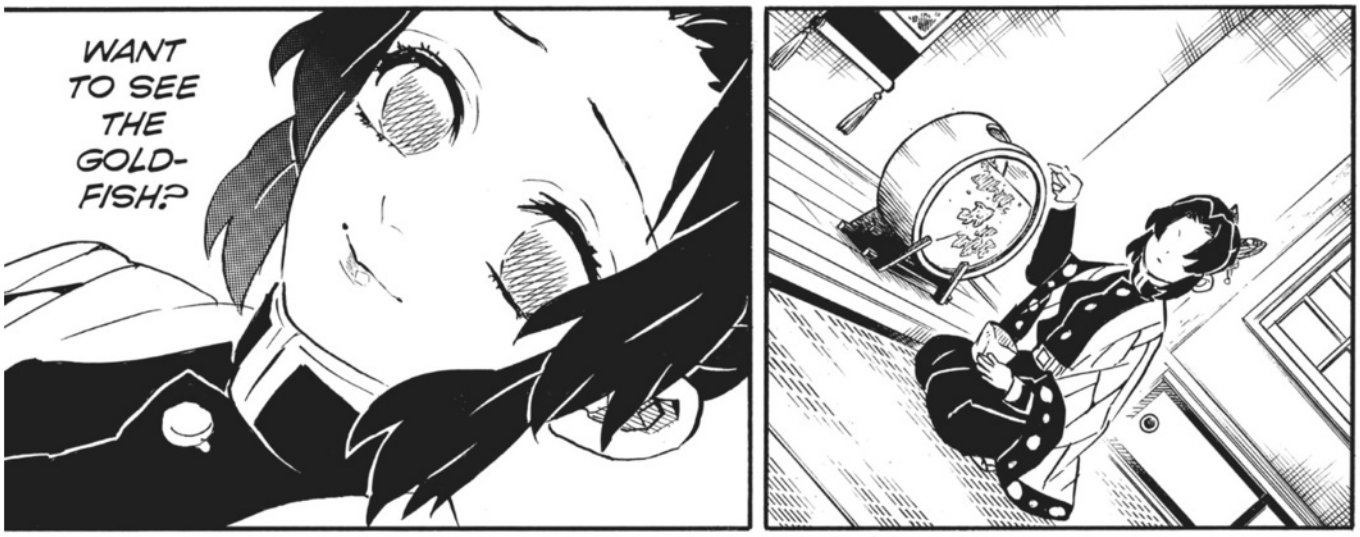
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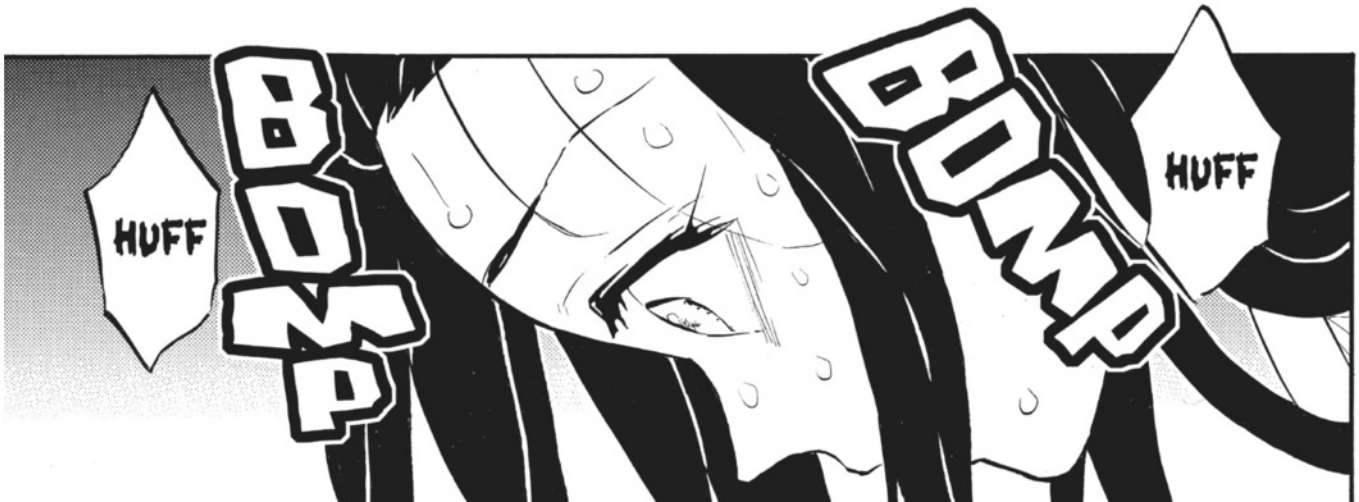
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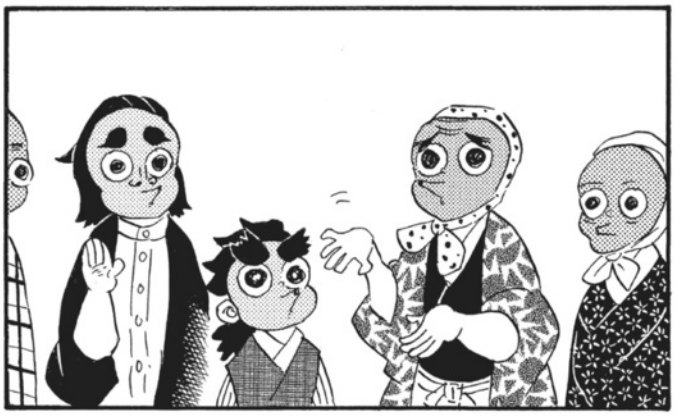

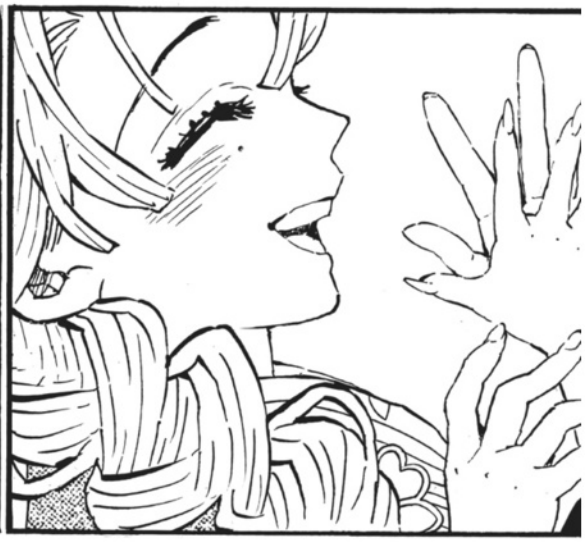

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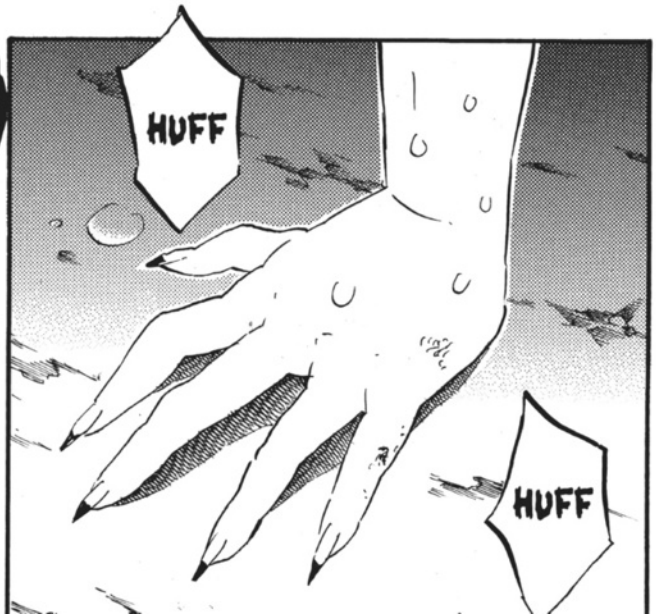
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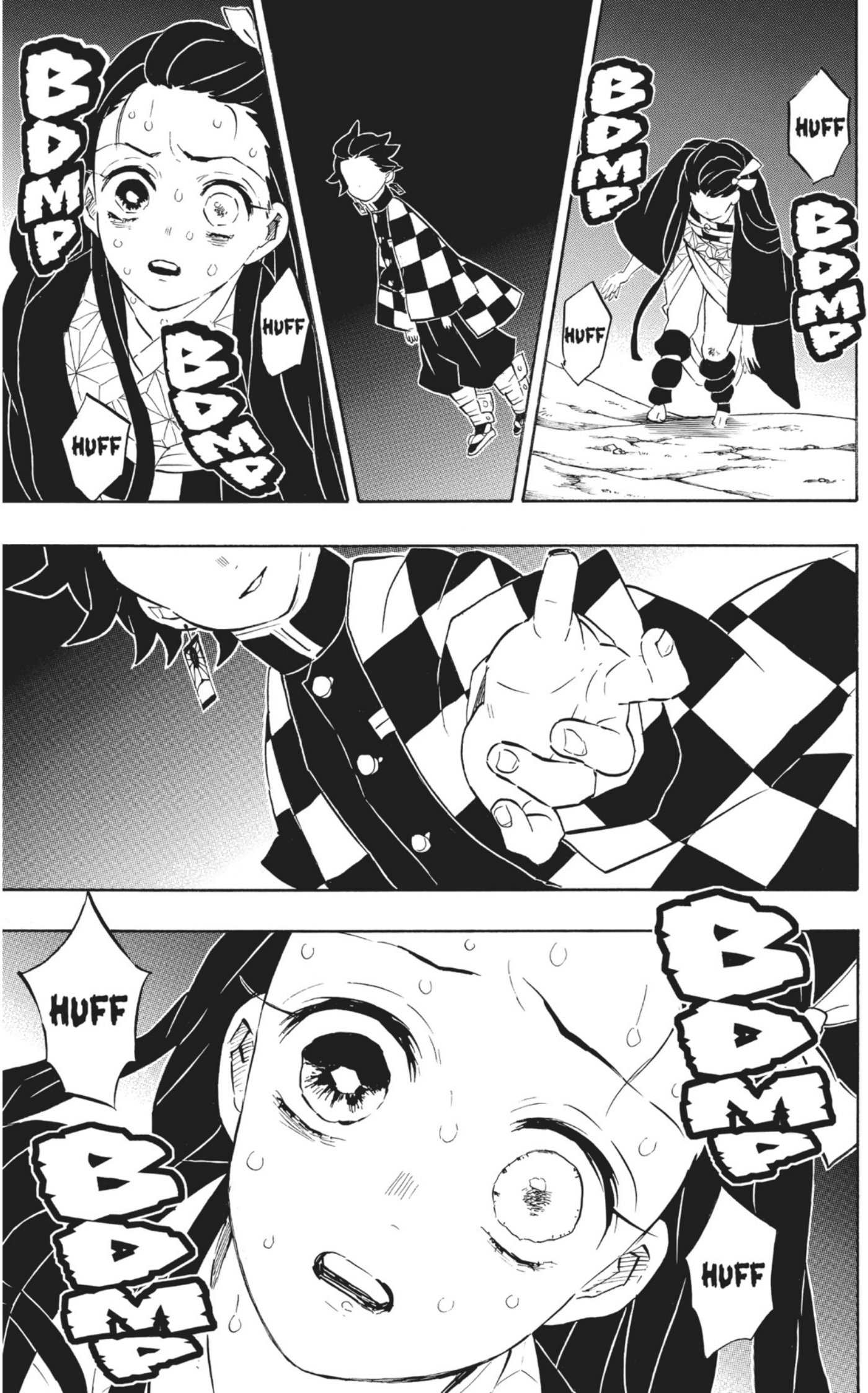
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NEZUKO...
DO

AAGH!
AHHH!
HNGHH...
BOOMP
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, YOUR BIG BROTHER...
...IS GOING TO SAVE YOU!
HUH

...NEZUKO KAMADO!!
I AM...
A DEMON...
KILLED MY FAMILY.

KLANG
WHAM
WHAM
BAM
HUFF
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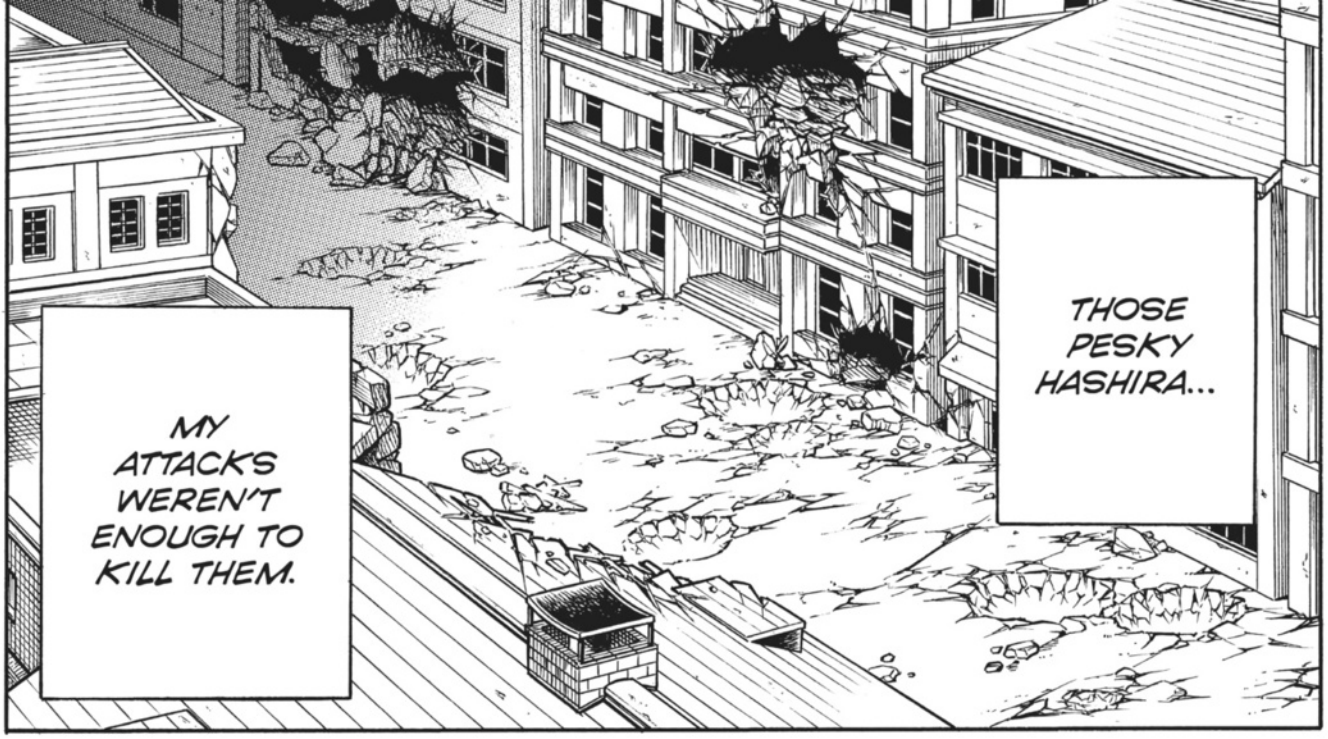
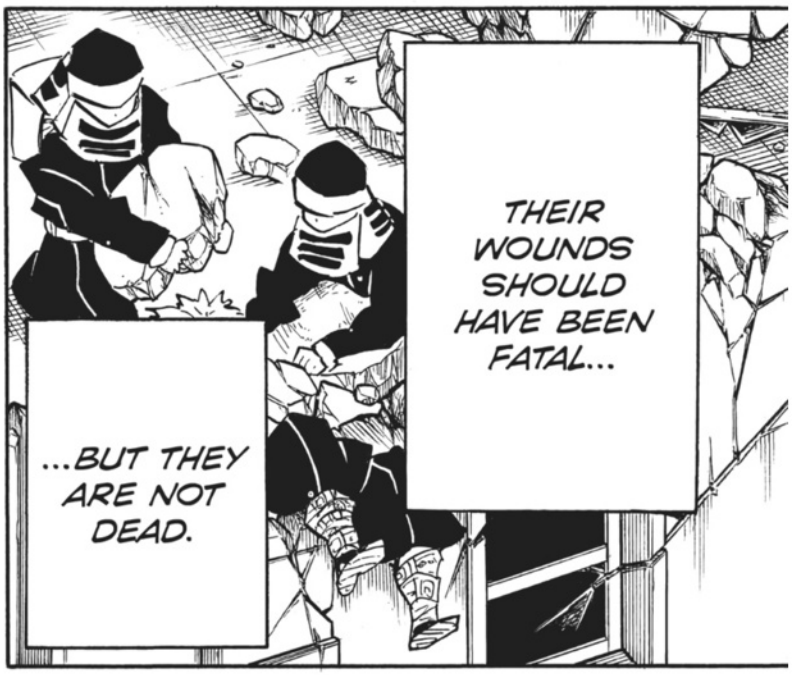
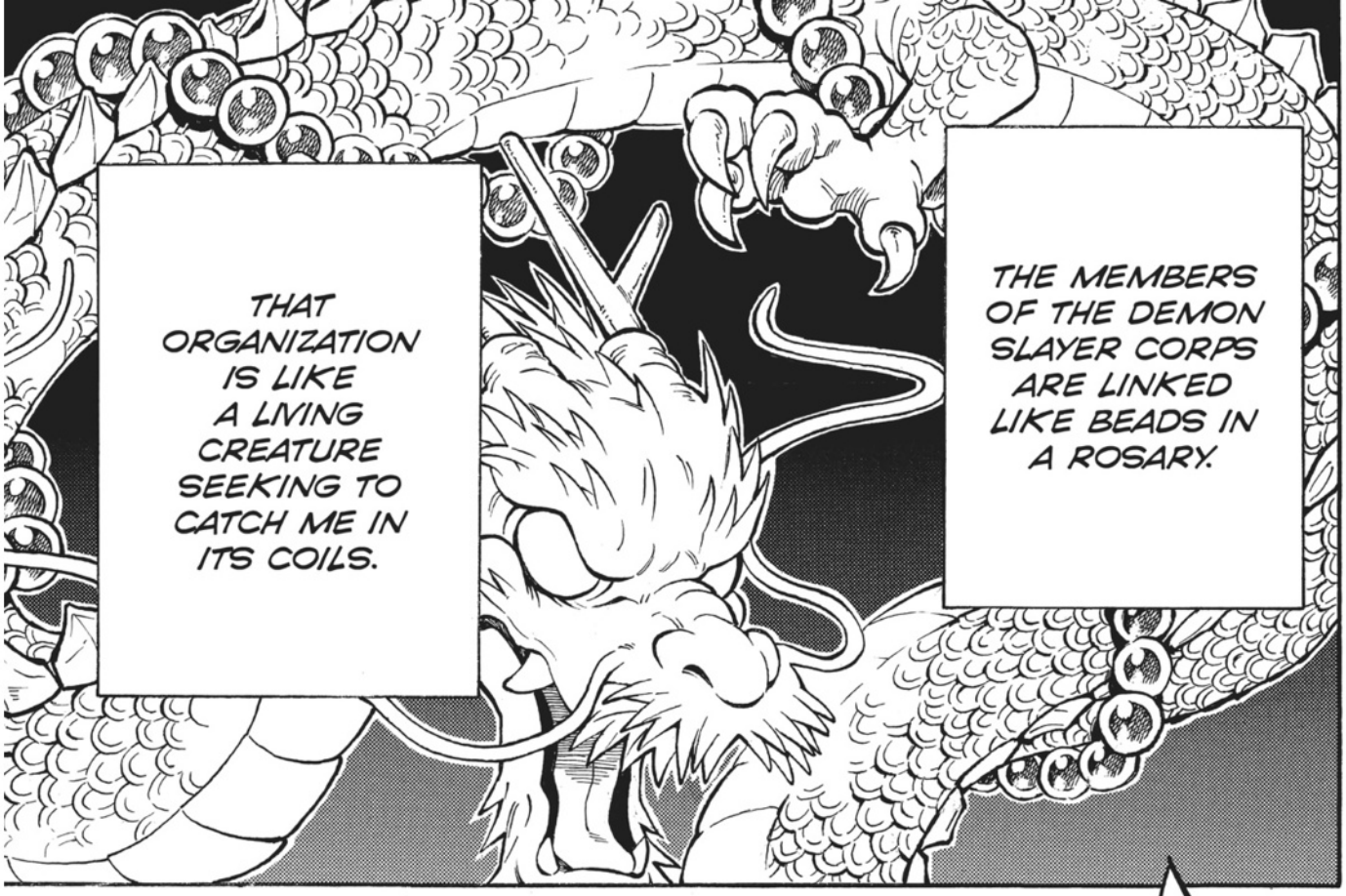
THEY'RE RETURN-ING.
I SENSE LIFE.
BUY ONE SECOND ...
STAND FIRM!
...AND THEN ANOTHER ONE!


MY ATTACKS WEREN'T ENOUGH TO KILL THEM.
THOSE PESKY HASHIRA...

TAMAYO'S DEMON IS TREATING THEM...
...SO THEY CAN FIGHT TO THE DEATH.


THEIR WOUNDS SHOULD HAVE BEEN FATAL...
...BUT THEY ARE NOT DEAD.

NO...IT'S NOT JUST HIM.
IT'S THIS BOY'S FAULT I COULDN'T FINISH THEM OFF.


THAT ORGANIZATION IS LIKE A LIVING CREATURE SEEKING TO CATCH ME IN ITS COILS.
THE MEMBERS OF THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS ARE LINKED LIKE BEADS IN A ROSARY.

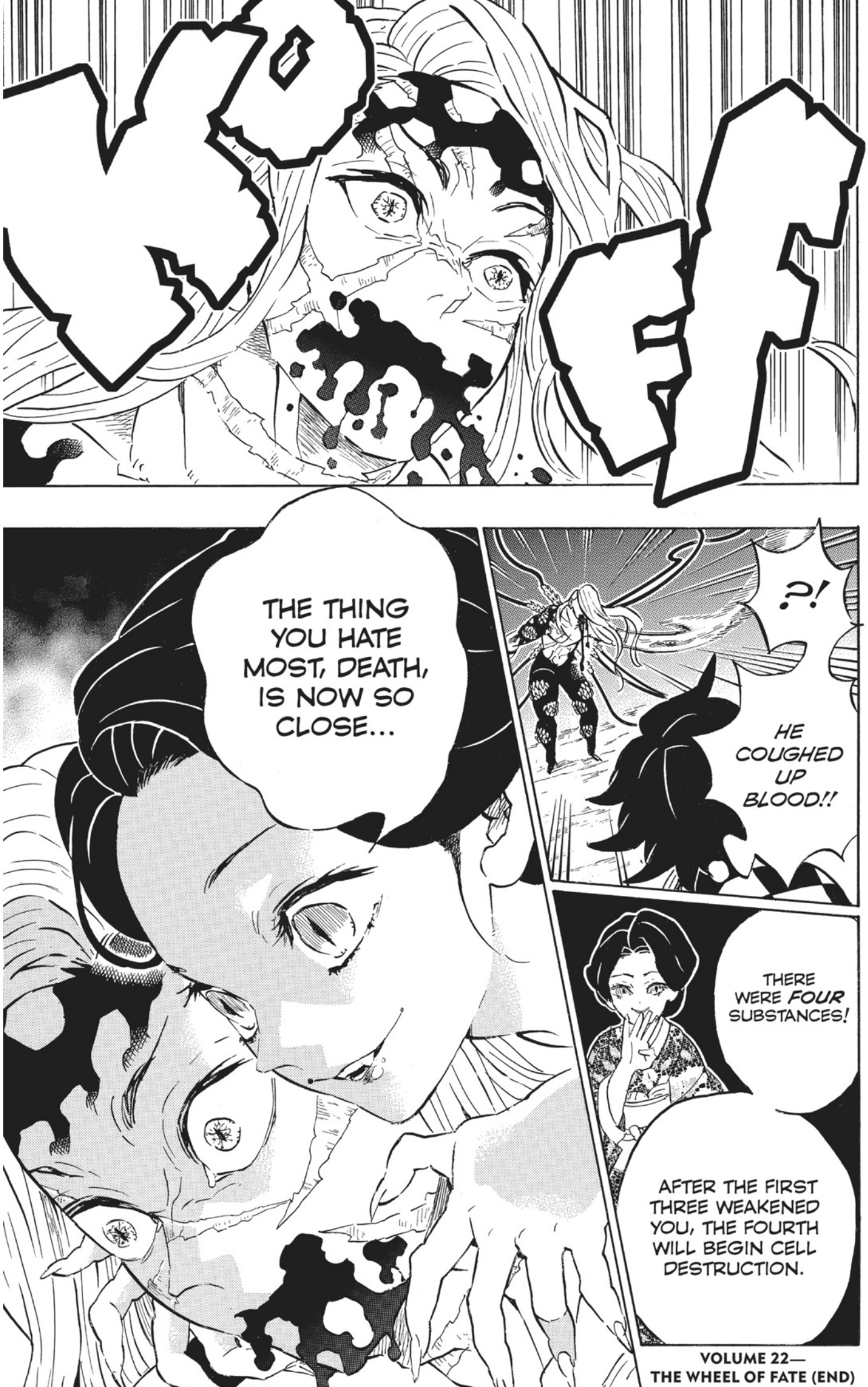
HUFF
HUFF
THIS FIGHT IS OVER.
I NEED NOT RISK THIS ANY LONGER.
THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES UNTIL DAWN!!

HE INTENDS TO DO SOME-THING.
MAYBE HE...
!!

?!
HE'S TRYING TO BREAK INTO SMALLER PIECES AND ESCAPE!!
IGURO! MUZAN IS DIVIDING!
BUT IF WE STRIKE ALL 12 SPOTS AT ONCE...
NO... IF HE DIVIDES, WE'VE LOST!!
CAN THE TWO OF US STOP HIM?!

HE STOPPED!!

I CAN'T DIVIDE!
THAT VIXEN!!
HUMAN REGRESSION, AGING AND DIVISION PREVENTION.
I SEE... THERE WAS A THIRD SUBSTANCE IN TAMAYO'S DRUG.
SORRY, BUT...
...YOU'RE WRONG.


TO BE CONTINUED
THE THING YOU HATE MOST, DEATH, IS NOW SO CLOSE...
?!
HE COUGHED UP BLOOD!!
THERE WERE FOUR SUBSTANCES!
AFTER THE FIRST THREE WEAKENED YOU, THE FOURTH WILL BEGIN CELL DESTRUCTION.

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